



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 June 29 through July 13, 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 issued 17 WW, 2 citations issued,

CPO Hoftender cited a Mt. Carroll man for fishing without permission. The fisherman was fishing from railroad property. He had driven to the location on a suspended license, had expired registration, and had failed to notify change of address.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri has received several calls of fox, raccoons, and other baby wildlife. LEAVE THEM ALONE! Contact a wildlife rehabber ONLY if they are bleeding or injured. THEY ARE NOT LIKELY ABANDONED!!! Learn more about their behavior on this website. <https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/>

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited a Glencoe man for failure to have child wearing a life jacket under the age of 13.

CPO Hoftender cited a Dubuque man on the 4th of July for no navigation lights on the Mississippi River. He was issued written warnings for no sounding device, failure to have battery terminals covered and his throwable device not being serviceable.

CPO Hoftender is investigating a property damage boat accident that occurred at Apple Canyon Lake.

CPO Beltran and CPO Peecher patrolled the Mississippi River and wrote boaters for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Hoftender arrested a Dixon man for operation of watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The boater refused to provide a breath sample suspending his boating privileges.

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Peecher issued 1 citation for PFD violation and 1 WW for operation dry water

CPO Beltran and CPO Peecher patrolled the Rock River and wrote boaters for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Peecher arrested wanted subject with 4 warrants and one ongoing investigation for reckless discharge of a firearm.

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

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 44mph in a 25 mph zone at Starved Rock. The driver was suspended. When CPO Kaufman asked if there was a valid driver in the car; a woman in the back seat said she had a driver’s license but was afraid to drive. CPO Kaufman confirmed she had a valid driver’s license. He issued 2 citations to the driver and had the woman drive away.

CPO Kaufman responded to a highly impaired individual at Starved Rock. A 17 year old female and her 17 year old boyfriend had consumed ½ of a handle of vodka. The female was transported to the hospital, where they determined her BAC was .258. The boyfriend’s BAC was .058. Both were released to their parents and the case if being referred to the juvenile court system.

While checking fishermen along the Illinois River CPO Kaufman found an individual with 2 short smallmouth bass. The man claimed “some guys” had given him the fish. CPO Kaufman informed him it did not matter how he came into possession of the fish; he was in possession of short fish. A citation was issued.

CPO Kiprono responded to a boat accident at Lake Holiday. The operator causing the accident was speeding in no wake zone and miscalculated a turn hitting another vessel. The operator failed to stop and inform the other vessel of damage to his watercraft until after the operator was flagged down by Lake Holiday security.

CPO Kiprono responded to a 99-year-old female who tripped and fell on rocks near the boat launch at Starved Rock State Park while fishing. The female sustained injuries to her head and shoulder. She was transported to a local hospital.

CPO Murry completed an investigation into a Vendor Illegally over charging individuals for Sport Fishing licenses. It was discovered in Late 2019 that Cajun Sports in Utica was over charging resident and nonresidents when purchasing their fishing license. The investigation went back to 2018 when multiple violations were discovered a period of 2 years. Multiple citations were issued as well as more possible charges coming from LaSalle County State’s Attorney. Charges issued were for Falsification of Fees Charged on Fishing License – Overcharging, and Illegally Charging fee in Excess of Fees authorized by law on Sale of Fishing license.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Michael Alvarez-Gerbino and CPO Randy Leannah observed 3 fishermen fishing the Rock River near Rockton Dam. During their fishing check they found the fishermen in possession of bluegills that were later determined to be caught a Gill net within 100 yards of the Rockton Dam. The fishermen were issued citations and written warnings.

CPO Michael Alvarez- Gerbino and CPO Randy Leannah were conducting sport fishing checks at the Fordam Dam on the Rock River when they discovered a fisherman in Possession of Rusty Crayfish (Injurious Species) . Upon questioning the fishermen, the Rusty Crayfish were caught from the Fox River. The fishermen were issued a citation.

CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks at Riverside Boat Launch on the Rock River when he discovered a fisherman in possession of a soft-shell turtle. The soft- shell turtle was determined to be caught by hook and line. The fishermen were issued a citation.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery
(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted boating safety compliance checks on the Spoon River. During the checks, CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott observed a jon boat with expired registration, no navigation lights after sunset and a young child not wearing a life jacket as required. When the boat returned to the ramp a compliance check was conducted. Additional violations were uncovered and two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott observed a male subject fishing on the Spoon River and upon checking he did not have a fishing license and additional boating violations. Written warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott worked a boating safety and compliance detail at Oak Run (Spoon Lake) During the details, CPOs conducted approximately 16 vessel inspections. Several operators were evaluated for levels of impairment, none of which were determined to be under the influence. During the detail, CPOs issued one citation and 20 written warnings for various boating violations.

CPO Elliott responded to a reported boat accident occurring on private property northwest of Spoon Lake. Upon completing an investigation, it was determined a pontoon with 5 occupants was traveling southbound at low speed

when one of the occupants (8 year old girl) fell off the side of the boat and into the water. The girl was not wearing a lifejacket at the time of this incident. The operator left the helm and dove into the water to rescue the girl. Another occupant of the boat reportedly placed the throttle in reverse to maneuver the boat closer to the two subjects in the water. The boat propeller came in contact with the girl's leg during the rescue. The girl was transported to OSF Hospital in Peoria and is in stable condition.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Lazzell patrolled the Illinois River during the 4th of July weekend. Multiple boat stops were completed and citations and warning for boat safety equipment were issued. Approximately 40 boats were checked and the most common violation was not enough wearable life jackets.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott conducted boating safety compliance at Little Swan Lake. During the patrol, CPOs conducted 4 vessel inspections. One Citation and several written warnings were issued.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO's Iaffaldano and Semenik arrested a boater on the lower Fox River for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The Subject submitted to chemical testing with a BAC of .160%.

CPO Iaffaldano transported turtle eggs found near a roadkill turtle to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center where they are currently being incubated.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley observed two individuals ski by on Long Lake. CPO Kelley determined there was no spotter on the boat. After locating the men at a local boat ramp, CPO Kelley discovered that the boat owner had been issued a written warning for skiing without an observer in 2019. As such, CPO Kelley issued a citation for the violation and a written warning for failure to use an orange ski flag.

CPO's Davis and Iaffaldano arrested a boat operator for OUI on Nippersink Lake. The subject refused to supply a breath sample.

CPO's Davis and Reid responded to a call of an unresponsive subject in the water at Illinois Beach State Park. Rescue was on scene and performed CPR and the subject was transported to the hospital.

CPO's Davis and Reid responded to a second drowning victim at Illinois Beach State Park. CPR was being performed and an AED was being utilized upon arrival. The subject was transported via ambulance but was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

While patrolling on Nippersink Lake, CPO Winters and CPO Seidsma observed a subject violating a posted no wake. They proceeded to stop the boat to talk with the operator. The subject appeared highly intoxicated. He was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

While on patrol at Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Reid observed the driver of a vehicle drinking a Modelo beer bottle and driving erratically. A traffic stop was initiated and it was discovered the driver was intoxicated and currently had a revoked driver's license. After field sobriety testing, the driver was arrested for DUI alcohol. The driver provided a BAC of .287 and was arrested for DUI and driving while license revoked.

CPO Reid stopped a vehicle for speeding 20mph over the posted speed limit at Illinois Beach State Park. It was discovered the driver currently had a revoked driver's license and had open cannabis in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for driving while license revoked and possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Reid had contact with numerous heavily intoxicated beach go-ers at Illinois Beach State Park over the holiday weekend. Citations were issued for unlawful possession of alcohol & possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Reid and CPO Davis responded to two separate drowning incidents at Illinois Beach State Park approximately 30 minutes apart from each other. Both victims were discovered unresponsive in the water, and were transported to Vista Medical Center by EMS. Their investigations are on-going.

SGT Schreiber arrested a subject at the Chain O' Lakes State Park for driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving with a BAC over 0.08% (0.15), failure to provide valid proof of insurance, driving the wrong way down a 1 way road, and possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area.

SGT Schreiber cited a subject at the Illinois Beach State Park for driving on a suspended driver's license and failure to provide valid proof of insurance.

SGT Schreiber cited an individual at Illinois Beach State Park for a child restraint violation. The subject was driving a small car capable of holding 5 people. There were a total of 5 people in the back seat, including 2 small children bouncing around in the back seat and not secured in a child restraint system.

CPO's Doescher and Semenik arrested a Cook County man on Nippersink Lake for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Doescher arrested a man at Illinois Beach State Park on an arrest warrant for battery. He was transported to Lake County Jail to be processed.

CPO Doescher responded to a traffic accident at the Chain O Lakes State Park. The driver of one of the vehicles left the scene of the accident and was subsequently arrested for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

SGT Schreiber cited an individual at Illinois Beach State Park for failure to secure a child under the age of 8 in a child restraint. The 3 year old child was sitting in the lap of a front seat passenger while traveling through the park.

CPO Davis and SGT Schreiber arrested a subject at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

MCHENRY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

While on patrol at Mazonia FWA, CPO Anderson located two male subjects unlawfully hunting rabbits with bow and arrows during closed season. Both were cited, and proper enforcement action was taken.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber spoke with a subject who was illegally trapping raccoons out of season, utilizing a live trap. The subject was bit by the raccoon while trying to remove the animal from the trap. CPO Farber interviewed the subject and educated him on the process of obtaining a nuisance removal permit

CPO Elliot conducted a boat safety check on a pair of PWC's. Both operators received a citation and several written warnings for failure to transfer certificate of numbers, unregistered watercraft, failure to display an orange flag while towing, no fire extinguisher, and no horn or whistle.

CPO Farber located a fisherman who was fishing without a license, while revoked for child support. The violator had been issued citations from local CPO's for the same offense in 2008, 2017 and 2018. The violator was issued a citation for the 2020 offense.

KENDALL COUNTY

WILL COUNTY

While performing a boat patrol of the Kankakee and Des Plaines Rivers, CPO Honiotes identified a rope swing tied to a stone-dead tree on Grape Island. Grape island is a remote site of the Des Plaines Conservation Area and a popular recreation site used by boaters. The site superintendent was notified, and the hazard tree was removed for public safety.

CPO Prasun cited a boat operator for failure to have a child less than thirteen years old in a personal floatation device. Enforcement action was also taken against two other boat operators who were subsequently educated for several safety violations including uncovered battery terminals, operating a motorboat with no safety cut-off switch lanyard, and passenger location-sitting on a seat back and sitting on the bow.

CPO Prasun cited five visitors for unlawful consumption of intoxicating beverages in a state park. Enforcement action was also taken and several of these visitors were educated on the park rules in reference to dogs on a leash, grilles in an unauthorized area, and pollution of waterways.

CPO Prasun observed a person quickly backing a boat trailer down the ramp. While doing so, the trailer turned abruptly almost striking the truck's rear bumper with the trailer's tongue. After a short investigation, CPO Prasun arrested the

driver for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and transported him to the Will County Adult Detention Facility where he was transferred into the custody of Correctional Deputies. He was also charged with Obstructing Identification for providing a false name.

While conducting a boat patrol on a river in Will County, CPO Prasun cited a Personal Watercraft operator for failure to have a competent observer while towing two children on a tube. Enforcement action was also taken, and the operator was educated on additional requirements while towing a tube including a boat capacity violation and failure to display an orange tow flag.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Roundcount was checking fishermen at William Powers State Park. A man and his grandson were fishing and had caught a trout. The fisherman did not have an inland trout stamp. The fisherman was educated on the purpose and requirement of an inland trout stamp when keeping trout stocked by the Department of Natural Resources.

CPO Roundcount observed two people exiting a private duck blind at William Powers State Park. While talking to the two individuals it became apparent they had been smoking marijuana. A small amount of marijuana was seized. The two individuals were educated on the new cannabis laws. Possession of marijuana in a State Park is strictly prohibited. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roundcount was performing a boat safety inspection. The boat had three batteries without the positive terminal covered. The boat operator was educated on the dangers of leaving the positive terminal uncovered on a gas powered watercraft. A written warning was issued to document the incident.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta had just finished conducting a boat safety inspection where the operator who was accompanied by his two children -both of whom were under the age of 13 and wearing their PFDs- had no violations. CPO Kusta then observed two kayakers paddling by. CPO Kusta called out to both and asked, “do you have lifejackets?”, both kayakers said “no”. CPO Kusta had the kayakers return to the boat launch so the violation can be addressed. Once back at the boat launch; CPO Kusta asked if they looked up the laws regarding the watercraft they were operating, both said “no”. CPO Kusta advised them they are required to have a PFD on board while underway. CPO Kusta advised both it was significant safety issue, and both will be receiving citations. One of the kayakers began to come up with many excuses as to why he didn’t know or why he shouldn’t be cited. After listening to the multitude of excuses, CPO Kusta advised him that he would still be receiving a citation. For this reason, he called CPO Kusta an insulting term for a male phallus. One of the excuses the kayaker used was there were no signs that told him that law existed. CPO Kusta advised him ignorance of the law is not an excuse, but also showed him the sign that stated a personal floatation device is required. The kayaker grew angry as he did not approve of the placement of the sign at the boat launch. He began to tell CPO Kusta that he did not put his kayak in the water were the sign was located. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and issued the citations. CPO Kusta advised them of the court date if they were to contest the citation. After parting ways, CPO Kusta heard the displeased kayaker shout, “I hope you drown”. CPO Kusta knew that wasn’t going to happen because he always wears is PFD.

CPO Kusta was conducting sport fish enforcement at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman fishing off the dam. CPO Kusta requested his Illinois fishing license, the fisherman advised CPO Kusta he did not have one. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and issued a citation.

CPO Kusta was conducting sport fish enforcement at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta observed 3 young fishermen fishing off a dock. CPO Kusta requested all 3 fishmen’s Illinois fishing license, none of the young

fishermen realized they needed a license to fish. CPO Kusta educated all 3 fishermen and advised them where to obtain a valid Illinois fishing license.

CPO Williams took a complaint of a man intentionally running over two Canada geese at 95th and Kean. CPO Williams was able to locate the geese. One was deceased and the other was able to walk around freely with no apparent wing damage. The deceased goose was photographed and properly disposed of. CPO Williams talked to the witness, who was upset. The witness provided a written statement and photos of the offending vehicle and driver. CPO Williams went to the offender's residence to get their statement. After talking with the older gentlemen [offender], CPO Williams concluded the offender did not intentionally run over the geese. The offender did not see what he hit with his vehicle. He tried to pull over and see, but the witness was angry and headed towards the offender. The offender left the area for fear of what the witness would do. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park checking fisherman and vessels. Written warning was issued to an individual on a boat without a working fire extinguisher. Citation was issued to an individual for possession of a short largemouth bass. CPO Roesch assisted CPO Williams with an individual who was threatening park staff. The individual was evicted from the park.

CPO Roesch patrolled Tampier Lake and Lemont Quarries checking kayakers and fisherman. Enforcement action was taking for two different individuals fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Williams evicted and took enforcement action on an individual who threatened the park superintendent at William Powers State Park. The individual saw the superintendent in the road assisting/talking to a driver in another vehicle. The individual did not slow down or swerve as they approached the superintendent. The superintendent moved out of the way and words were exchanged. Ultimately, the individual who was evicted threatened to run the superintendent over the next time they were seen in the roadway. The individual was banned from William Powers State Park for two weeks, enforcement action was taken, and they were educated on the matter.

CPO Roesch patrolled Busse Woods Forest Preserve checking boats and kayaks. CPO Roesch issued a citation to an individual who was in possession of a short walleye. CPO Roesch received a complaint from a man who stated his car was stolen. CPO Roundcount discovered the car in a different parking lot nearby. CPO Roesch confirmed with the man that his car was not stolen and he was simply confused on where he had parked.

CPO Roesch responded to a complaint of a raccoon in a trap in Lyons, IL. It was discovered the trap was set by a nuisance animal control operator. Photographs were taken, investigation ongoing.

CPO Roesch checked multiple fisherman at Horsetail Lake and Sag Quarries catching rainbow trout.

CPO Roesch received a video showing an unidentified male throwing bricks at a raccoon. Investigation ongoing.

CPO Roesch assisted a motorist on I-55 who's vehicle was on fire driving down the road. No injuries occurred and the vehicle was

CPO Gates investigated complaints about possible racoons being poisoned in Roselle. Investigation is on going

CPO Gates was on boat patrol and issued a citation for no valid registration, not enough life jackets on board. CPO Gates issued 2 written warnings for no type 4 throwable and not having a lanyard cut off.

CPO Gates was on boat patrol and performed 10 vessel inspections. Issued 2 citations. One for no valid registration and 1 for a child under 13 not wearing a life jacket.

CPO Roundcount conducted a boat stop on the Chicago River at night. The boat did not have a stern light or safety lanyard. The operator of the boat was educated on the boating laws and given written warnings to document the incident.

CPO Roundcount conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle speeding through William Powers State Park. Written warning for speed was issued.

CPO Roundcount conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at William Powers State Park. The vehicle had ran a stop sign and was speeding through the park. The vehicle was occupied by 10 occupants not wearing seat belts. The driver of the vehicle did not have a valid driver's license. The four occupants in the middle bench seat hurriedly exited the vehicle while yelling at each other. After calming down the occupants, one intoxicated occupant was taken to the hospital via ambulance. Enforcement action was taken against the driver.

CPO Roesch patrolled Worth boat launch checking 6 boats. CPO Roesch assisted a man who's jet ski was dead in the water by using a throw bag to pull him safely to the dock. CPO Roesch issued a warning to a man who did not have a type IV throwable PFD on his boat.

CPO Roesch followed up with a boat crash that occurred between two personal watercrafts on Lake Michigan near the Calumet Park boat ramp. Investigation pending.

CPO Roesch conducted boat patrols on Lake Michigan Friday and Sunday per with Sgt. Mooi, CPOs Klemme, Kusta, Swindle, Z. Williams performing multiple vessel inspections. CPO Roesch assisted CPO Swindle with a man arrested for operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol. CPO Roesch issued a citation to a man for operating a boat with children under 13 years old not wearing a PFD. CPO Roesch boarded two suspected illegal charter boats. Investigation is pending.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park on July 4th with CPO Williams. CPO Roesch reminded individuals the park is an alcohol-free zone. CPO Roesch stopped one car with duct tape over the front license plate. After confirming the vehicle was not stolen and the driver had no warrants, a warning was issued to the driver for improper display of license. CPO Roesch stopped a truck with multiple individuals riding in the bed of the truck. The driver had no valid DL and open alcohol in the truck. 1 citation was issued to the man for driving without a valid DL and alcohol was disposed of. The truck was turned over to a valid driver whom the owner approved to drive the truck. CPO Roesch assisted CPO Williams with individuals shooting fireworks and driving ATVs in the park. Enforcement action was taken by CPO Williams.

CPO Gates patrolled Lake Michigan and The Chicago river. CPO Gates issued 2 citations for boating without the required number of PFD's on board. One of the citations was for a child under the age of 13 not wearing their life jacket. 2 citations were issued for operation of an unnumbered/not registered vessel.

CPO Gates issued a driver of a vehicle a citation for passing in a no passing zone and warnings for speed and not having their driver's license in possession while driving.

CPO Gates patrolled William Powers and James Phillip State Parks. 8 warnings were issued to people fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Gates investigated a complaint about a man selling fish through a phone app. That investigation is on going.

CPO Gates performed a registration inspection on a boat that was sold in 2009 without a title. CPO Gates was able to track down the original owner to complete the investigation.

CPO Swindle issued seven no fishing license citations while patrolling William W Powers State Park.

CPO Swindle observed a boat entering a restricted boating area near the Jardine Water Filtration Plant on Lake Michigan. A boat safety inspection was conducted and the man was subsequently arrested for Unlawful Operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The man refused to provide a breath sample.

CPO Swindle issued six written warnings for violation including operation of an unnumbered watercraft, operating a watercraft on lake Michigan without a distress signal (flares), and not having an approved throwable flotation device on board a vessel greater than 16 feet.

CPO Swindle also began a boat accident investigation which occurred at the Chicago River/Lake Michigan lock.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was performing boat safety inspections at a boat launch. The owner of a pleasure boat was missing several items including a fire extinguisher. The owner stated he had purchased the boat last year and had only been out a couple times. The registration for the boat did not match this story. The owner provided a title for the boat to prove he had purchased it last year. The title had been endorsed by the previous owner but never filled out by the purchaser. The new owner was educated on the dangers of having an open title and the need to transfer the title in 15 days after purchase of the watercraft. A citation was issued and the owner was guided through the boat title transfer/registration process.

CPO Roesch patrolled Worth boat launch checking 6 boats. CPO Roesch assisted a man who's jet ski was dead in the water by using a throw bag to pull him safely to the dock. CPO Roesch issued a warning to a man who did not have a type IV throwable PFD on his boat.

CPO Roesch followed up with a boat crash that occurred between two personal watercrafts on Lake Michigan near the Calumet Park boat ramp. Investigation pending.

CPO Roesch conducted boat patrols on Lake Michigan and Chicago River. CPO Roesch issued a citation to a man for operating a boat with children under 13 years old not wearing a PFD. CPO Roesch boarded two suspected illegal charter boats. Investigation is pending.

CPO Roesch stopped a boat operating at night without navigation lights. CPO Roesch arrested the operator for operating under the influence of alcohol and issued a citation for operating at night without navigation lights.

CPO Roesch patrolled Montrose Harbor, Belmont Harbor, and Diversey Harbor checking sport fisherman. CPO Roesch issued warnings to two individuals using live round gobies, which are in injurious species, as bait. CPO Roesch also issued a warning to a man for no fishing license in possession and a warning to another man for fishing without a license.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park. CPO Roesch discovered four individuals fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch issued a warning for no seat belt to a man riding in the bed of a pick up truck inside William Powers State Park.

CPO Roesch was patrolling William Powers and discovered an individual with alcohol in the State Park. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch was patrolling William Powers and stopped one car with duct tape over the front license plate. CPO Roesch issued a warning to the driver for improper display of license plate.

CPO Roesch was patrolling William Powers State Park and stopped a truck with multiple individuals riding in the bed of the truck. The driver had no valid DL and open alcohol in the truck. CPO Roesch issued a citation to the man for driving

without a valid DL and alcohol was disposed of. The truck was turned over to a valid driver whom the owner approved to drive the truck.

CPO Roesch assisted CPO Williams with individuals shooting fireworks and driving ATVs in the park. Enforcement action was taken by CPO Williams.

CPO Gates patrolled Salt Creek and issued a written warning for not having an active fishing license

CPO Gates investigated a complaint about a person trapping squirrels in Woodridge. 2 warnings were issued.

CPO boats was on boat patrol on the Chicago river and issued a citation for not having a child under the age of 13 in a life jacket.

CPO Williams worked William Powers State Park on the Fourth of July. CPO Williams observed an individual shoot a firework off in the southeast part of the park. Upon contacting the group, CPO Williams observed an ATV with the group as well. The driver was issued a citation for unlawful operation of an ATV inside a state park.

CPO Williams, CPO Gates, CPO Klemme, and Sgt. Mooi all worked a boat patrol on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. While stopping a boat for no wake on the Chicago River, just west of the lock, a distress call came out for persons jumping into the Chicago River to rescue others. The location was just west of Lake Shore Drive. CPO Williams, CPO Klemme, and Sgt. Mooi were on their boat just east of Lake Shore Drive. Emergency lights and sirens were used to drive to the nearby location of the call. CPO Williams and Sgt. Mooi conducted water rescues on two individuals. It was later found, the individuals jumped in wearing no life jackets to rescue two children who fell off the side of a boat [both wearing life jackets]. They were transported to the Chicago Marine Safety Station nearby and checked by Chicago Fire. One individual was transported to a nearby hospital.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates performed vessel inspections along the west branch of the DuPage river and various lakes within DuPage County. No major violations were discovered. Verbal warnings were issued for no terminal cover on the battery for a trolling motor.

CPO Gates is investigating a complaint about a person illegally selling fish.

CPO Gates worked with an officer from the DuPage Forest Preserve to perform sport fishing checks at a known trout lake. No violations were discovered.

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

CPO's Olroyd and Goetten responded to a vehicle with two occupants which had partially driven into the IL River, both individuals and the vehicle were retrieved without injury or damage.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Olroyd continues to patrol Greene County water-bodies for violations pertaining to recreational boating and wildlife.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley has been patrolling the Mississippi River and conducting Commercial Fishing checks on nets and devices in Pools 19 and 20, as well as conducting Sport Fishing Checks and Boat Safety Inspections. CPO Wheatley has noted a high percentage of compliance with these issues, and cited or issued a written warning to those not fully in compliance.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO French investigated a personal injury PWC accident that occurred on Illinois river

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

CPO Wahlbrink issued nine written warnings to boaters for safety equipment violations.

CPO Wahlbrink investigated a complaint of a stolen canoe at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA. After discovering the canoe hidden in weeds near Prairie Lake, he returned it to the owner

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPOs Wahlbrink and McClenning completed an investigation involving multiple individuals who had performed a deer drive on private property without permission. Five citations and three written warnings were issued among the individuals.

CPOs Wahlbrink and McClenning assisted the USFWS by seizing an abandoned watercraft that was left on Lake Chautauqua near Goofy Ridge. The watercraft had been borrowed and is now back with the owner. The investigation is ongoing.

MENARD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

While patrolling Lake Jacksonville, CPOs Wahlbrink and McClenning cited one individual for using a cast net to take crappie and cited another individual for fishing without a license.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink performed a compliance check on a fur bearing animal breeder. Further investigation of the breeder's records, and some interviews, revealed that six opossums had been taken from the wild by another fur bearing breeder. The opossums were taken to a rehabilitator and one breeder was cited for unlawfully taking the opossums.

District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CLARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Fox Ridge State Park and its multiple canoe access points.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Walnut Point State Park and the observatory. Night patrols have taken place around the Observatory with local vandalism on the rise.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Twin Lakes in Paris routinely stopping in on nights when there are fishing tournaments.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Hyatt performed boat patrol on Lake Shelbyville issuing 5 written warnings with CPO Greuel.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Miller assisted US Marshals in apprehending a homicide suspect on I-74

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Miller Conducted boat patrol at Clinton Lake SRA, issuing multiple boating citations/warnings during “Operation Dry Water.”

CPO Ausmus assisted IDNR Academy staff by teaching several blocks of instructions and participating in fishing and aquatic life scenarios.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt Williamson responded to a lost 9 year old at the Weldon Boat Launch. The CPOs were notified by Dewitt County dispatch of a 9 year old female on a PWC at the boat launch who couldn’t find her father. Dewitt County was able to hail another boater who was able to locate the father and bring him back to the launch. The father admitted to allowing his 9 year old operator a PWC, alone and lost sight of her. The father was issued a citation for parental responsibility for youthful operation and a warning for unlawful display of registration.

CPO G. Anderson arrested a boater for operating under the influence of alcohol at Clinton Lake.

FORD COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued a fisherman a written warning for no valid fishing license.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson completed an illegal deer hunting investigation from the 2019 deer season. The hunter was issued citations for hunting without permission, hunting over bait, and unlawful take of a whitetail deer.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MACON COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson conducted boat patrols on Lake Decatur with CPO Miller and CPO Reeves. CPO Anderson issued citations for passenger location and failure to display registration. CPO Anderson issued warnings to boaters for unnumbered watercraft, passenger location, and no Type IV PFD.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Reeves, Miller and Viverito assisted Leroy Police Department in the apprehension of two armed robbery suspects. Leroy PD called for the use of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources K9 Hank. CPO Viverito deployed Hank on scene and quickly performed an area search for the suspects while CPO’s Miller and Reeves provided security for the K9 team. One of the suspects surrendered to McLean County and Leroy PD. Another barricaded himself inside a house trailer. Hank continuously barked at the trailer once hearing the k9 was at the front door the other suspect surrendered.

CPO G. Anderson issued a boater a written warning for a PFD violation at Dawson Lake.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Miller assisted Kickapoo SP staff and IDOT with establishing roadway and boat ramp improvements.

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

While patrolling Carlyle Lake over the July 4th weekend, CPO Gerdes observed a boat traveling after dark without proper navigation lights. The vessel was then stopped and a safety inspection was conducted. As CPO Gerdes spoke with the operator, concerns arose regarding the operator possibly being intoxicated. After further investigation, CPO Gerdes arrested the subject for Operating a Watercraft While Under the Influence of Alcohol.

CPO Gerdes also issued multiple citations to other vessels for life jacket violations.

CPO Macias was called out to investigate a boat accident involving two watercraft that were moored to the docks in preparation for launch at Eldon Hazlet. The winds were high that day and one boat became untied from the dock and impacted the second boat. The second boat was on its maiden voyage. Minor damages were reported, and no citations were issued.

CPO Schachner and CPO Gerdes patrolled the Kaskaskia River and removed 6 illegal limblines and 23 illegal bank poles.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO French were patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park. CPO Schachner checked a fisherman who notified him that an unknown drunk man approached them and was sitting nearby conversing with the fisherman's elderly uncle. The fishermen were uncomfortable with the man's presence but were genuinely concerned he would not be safe by himself. CPO Schachner spoke with the drunk subject and quickly noted that the man's intoxication was so extreme that he couldn't stay seated without falling over. CPO Schachner continued conversing with him, and after they learned his identity, CPO French contacted local law enforcement and paramedics. The subject's blood alcohol level was .431 – such an extremely high level that death is a possibility. The subject refused emergency medical treatment, however the CPO's provided him with a sports drink and convinced him to drink it in order to rehydrate. He repeatedly refused medical treatment/ambulance and the CPO's were making arrangements to transport him to his residence via their squad when family members arrived. Afterwards, the CPO's thanked the fishermen for their concern and kindness to the intoxicated man.

CPO Schachner and CPO French were patrolling Lewis and Clark State Historic Site when they encountered two subjects fishing without licenses. One of them was a child sex offender and prohibited from being in the park. Fishing citations

were issued as well as a mandatory court appearance for the subject committing the criminal offense. The subject was not transported to jail due to Covid restrictions, but was evicted from the park.

CPO Ray enforced Sport Fishing Regulations and Dept. Lands Enforcement at Horseshoe Lake State Park

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO French patrolled lakes of county during the 4th of July weekend to ensure safety of boaters

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO French were patrolling the Kaskaskia River on a busy weekend and arrested 3 different boaters for Operating Under the Influence and assisted with a fourth OUI. The boat operator's alcohol levels ranged from .09 up to .251. CPO Schachner and CPO French also arrested another subject for fishing and drug violations.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO French encountered two subjects fishing and camping illegally on Kaskaskia Fish and Wildlife Area. The subjects were in possession of cannabis products and drug paraphernalia and attempted to conceal it from the officers. The underage subjects also possessed a large amount of beer and liquor as well as a large amount of fireworks. In addition, they were hacking on live trees with an axe and machete and one subject did not have a fishing license. Both subjects received multiple citations and mandatory court appearances and the contraband was seized.

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty conducted boat safety checks and observed a boat operating with 2 young children not wearing lifejackets. A boat safety check of the vessel was conducted a citation was issued for unlawful operation of a watercraft with child under 13 not wearing a lifejacket, and written warnings for failure to show proof of transfer of ownership of watercraft, and no type IV throwable.

CPO Jourdan arrested a man for OUI at Rend Lake during July 4th weekend. The man blew a .156 breath alcohol content.

CPO Jourdan responded to a boating accident at Rend Lake. A male subject jumped from a moving boat into the water near the Rend Lake Marina. The subject struggled to swim and subsequently drowned. Crews responded included Illinois Conservation Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, Rend Lake Corps of Engineers Rangers, Benton Fire Department, and Sesser Fire Department. The victim was located in 11 feet of water using side scan sonar and removed by a dive team. An investigation into the accident is pending.

CPO Folden conducted 5 recreational boat patrols on Rend Lake. Multiple written warnings and citations were issued for boating infractions. CPO Folden assisted CPO Jourdan with an arrest of a subject for operating while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Williams handled numerous wildlife issues, including reports of orphaned deer, nuisance animal inquiries and a blue heron entangled in fishing line. As a reminder to the public, WildlifeIllinois.org is an online resource for most issues with Wildlife.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating multiple complaints of illegal activity on IDNR Ten Mile Creek properties. Most of the complaints involve unlawful use of all-terrain vehicles on the property.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Knop and CPO Wilkinson patrolled the Ohio river looking for boating, fishing and commercial fishing violations. The CPO's encountered multiple boating violations and a commercial fisherman who failed to check his hoop nets every 72hrs.

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Knop performed a boat patrol on the Ohio River. Several commercial fishing nets and fishermen were checked as well as multiple watercraft safety inspections. One watercraft was found to have expired registration. Enforcement action was taken by CPO Wilkinson.

CPO Wilkinson responded to an emergency call in the area of Cave-In-Rock State Park regarding a gas leak and personal exposure. Two subjects were transported to the hospital by Hardin County EMS.

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Knop conducted a boat patrol on the Ohio River in Hardin County. A commercial fishing check was conducted and several boat safety inspections. During one of the boat safety inspections, CPO Wilkinson determined the operator was under the influence of alcohol; field sobriety tests were conducted; and the operator submitted a breath alcohol sample of .091%. The operator was arrested and issued citations for unlawful operation of a watercraft with a BAC over .08%. Written warnings were also issued to the operator for a variety of other violations.

CPO Wilkinson discovered commercial fishing gear untagged with the owner's name and address. After making an inquiry of the gear tag, CPO Wilkinson was able to identify the commercial fisherman and make contact. CPO Wilkinson issued the first time commercial fisherman a written warning and educated him the importance of tagging gear with a name and address.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a trespassing complaint in Perry County. He located two subjects fishing from a boat on the complainant's property. Both fishermen were cited for fishing without permission. The owner of the boat was also cited for operation of a watercraft with no PFDs.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson conducted several fishing compliance checks and two subjects were found fishing without non-resident licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wilkinson conducted a timber truck inspection. One violation was discovered and enforcement action was taken. The operator failed to record his current load into the daily haul log.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLAY COUNTY

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 Hyatt wrote one warning for an unnumbered watercraft on the first night of operation dry water and assisted CPO Roper with an OUI.

While on patrol in Fayette county CPO Roper observed a boat traveling on the Kaskaskia River to the Cox Bridge boat launch. The boat did not have the required navigation lighting to be operating after sunset. CPO Roper initiated a boat safety inspection on the boat. CPO Roper discovered along with the failure to illuminate navigation lights the boat owner had also failed to register the boat after purchase, had no sounding device onboard, that battery was not securely fastened to the boat, and there was no throw device onboard. CPO educated the new boat owner on boating laws in Illinois and the required safety equipment. CPO Roper issued the operator a citation for operating an unnumbered watercraft, and issued written warnings for all other violations.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Ramsey Lake State Park when he observed a boat traveling to the boat launch. CPO Roper initiated a fishing/boat compliance check on the boat. CPO Roper discovered the battery was not securely fastened to the boat, and the individual onboard was in possession of a short largemouth bass. CPO Roper issued a citation to the operator for failure to immediately release short fish, and issued a written warning for the boat violation.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Vandalia Lake when he observed an individual fishing at the marina. CPO Roper initiated a fishing compliance check on the individual. CPO Roper discovered he individual did not possess a valid fishing license. CPO Roper also discovered the individual was wanted on a felony methamphetamine warrant in Effingham County. CPO Roper placed the individual under arrest and transported him to the Fayette County Jail. The individual was also issued a citation for the fishing license violation.

CPO Roper was on an OUI/Boat patrol on Vandalia Lake with CPO Hyatt when they discovered a boat broke down in the middle of the lake. Upon approaching the boat to offer assistance, CPO's discovered the boat registration was expired. CPO's initiated a boat compliance check at this time. CPO's discovered the boat battery was no securely fastened to the boat along with the expired registration. During the compliance check CPO's observed several indicators of alcohol impairment on the operator. CPO's placed the operator of the boat in their patrol boat, and towed the boat back to the campground where they had launched. CPO Roper conducted field sobriety testing on the operator which revealed several indicators of impairment. Operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, and

released on a notice to appear in Fayette County Court. The operator was issued written warnings for the other boat violations.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Vandalia Lake when he observed several individuals fishing at the marina. CPO Roper conducted a fishing compliance on the group. CPO Roper discovered one of the individuals was suspended from his fishing privileges due to unpaid child support. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for fishing with no valid fishing license.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Hyatt wrote one no fishing license ticket while on patrol at Newton Lake for no fishing license.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Buhnerkempe were working at Forbes Lake S.P. and issued several written warnings for boat equipment violations ranging from: overloading motorboat, PFD, sounding device, and orange flag. CPO Buhnerkempe issued two citations for failing to yield to an emergency watercraft and incompetent observer.

CPO Smith and Buhnerkempe worked Raccoon Lake and observed a watercraft moving with two young children not wearing their life jackets on a pontoon boat. The boat disappeared behind some tree and then reappeared with the children now wearing their jackets. Upon contact with the operator, CPO Smith observed some clues that would indicate the operator under the influence of alcohol. CPO Smith asked the operator to accompany him to his patrol boat where he administered FST's. The operator was expelling a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath, failed all FST's, and did submit to BAC test which resulted in .115%. CPO Smith processed the entire arrest on the water and released the subject with an NTA.

CPO Smith issued another citation to a boater for insufficient number of life jackets; and CPO Buhnerkempe did as well.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Hyatt wrote two warnings on the second night of Operation dry water checking 21 boats.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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 Somers arrested a subject for operating a watercraft while suspension of his boating privileges was in effect and operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject refused to submit to chemical testing.

CPO Vasicek arrested an impaired boat operator on Kinkaid lake on a busy weekend evening. During a boat inspection it was suspected the operator was highly intoxicated. After failing field sobriety testing the subject provided a breath sample which indicated a BAC of .191%

JOHNSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf issued multiple written warnings on the Ohio River for boating equipment violations.

POPE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

UNION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

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

CPO Wolf arrested a Harrisburg man for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on Lake of Egypt.

CPO Vasicek and CPO Wolf arrested an impaired subject operating a jet ski well after sunset on Lake of Egypt. This incident occurred just prior to a fireworks display on the very congested lake before the annual display. Subject registered a BAC of .109%

CPO Wilkinson and Johnson responded to a boat accident at Lake of Egypt. A boat had begun sinking and eventually capsized. The occupants were discovered uninjured. CPO Wilkinson handled the accident and completed the boat accident report. Also, while on patrol CPO Wilkinson and Johnson conducted a boat stop on a watercraft underway at night with no functioning navigation lights. Enforcement action was taken by CPO Wilkinson.