



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

**DATE: 4/17/2020**

(Weeks of March 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**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

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

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

Despite the state wide closure of the state park system a man from Chicago was found walking in the timber in full camouflage calling for turkeys. CPO Beltran reminded the man to stay out of the parks and follow the posted regulations

CPO Beltran investigated a death at Apple River Canyon State Park. Jo Daviess County detectives are taking the lead on the investigation.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **OGLE COUNTY**

CPO Beltran asked several people to exit the park after it was marked and posted as closed.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

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

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Peecher has an ongoing investigation into a houseboat abandoned on Willow island in Fulton underneath US route 30 bridge. Suspect has been identified and is currently out of state but a warrant for his arrest is being pursued.

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

CPO Beltran conducted a traffic stop and discovered 2 occupants had recently consumed cannabis and the driver was under the influence of cannabis. The Driver was arrested and transported to the hospital for a blood draw. Citations were issued for the violations.

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

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner while checking walleye fisherman along the Illinois river cited two individuals for PFD violations.

CPO Wagner cited individual for speeding in excess of 80 MPH.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak and CPO Kiprono responded to a 911 regarding a Jeep stuck in a ditch filled with water and mud at Starved Rock State Park. The vehicle was removed by a tow truck and the driver was issued a citation for operation of a motor vehicle off the roadway in a State Park.

CPO Stanbary, CPO Filipiak and CPO Kiprono conducted a fish detail via boat on the Illinois River. Four citations were issued to a West Chicago man for being in possession of four short walleye when a 14-inch length limit is required. Another individual from Chicago was found snagging Asian Carp with his family in a non-designated fishing area. The man was cited.

CPO Wagner and CPO Kiprono conducted a COVID-19 detail on the Starved Rock State Park trails; four individuals were found in an area closed to the public.

CPO Filipiak and CPO Workman performed a traffic stop near Starved Rock on a subject travelling 94 MPH in a 55 MPH zone resulting in 2 citations.

CPO Workman assisted in the construction of multiple barricades to inform park visitors of the closure. CPO Workman patrolled all IDNR sites and informed park visitors of the park closure prior to them entering the park.

CPO Workman checked multiple fishermen on the Vermillion River with no enforcement action being taken.

CPO Kaufman patrolled LaSalle County State Parks for individuals violating the COVID-19 closure order.

CPO Wagner while checking fisherman at LaSalle Lake cited individual for possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted an investigation into a report of damage to state property in Canton IL. CPO Thompson identified three suspects and conducted interviews. The three Canton men admitted to unlawfully operating their vehicles off the roadway in the park (“mudding”) and causing damage. Several citations were issued.

CPO Thompson cited an Astoria man for unlawfully hunting without permission of the landowner.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink cited a man for allowing a minor to deer hunt without a valid permit and for using another person’s deer permit.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott cited a Glasford man for unlawfully operating his vehicle off the roadway at Banner Marsh SFWA and entering a restricted area.

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

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPO Finn was patrolling a restricted area of Spring Lake SFWA when he observed a man fishing in the restricted area. CPO Finn spoke with the man and found him to be in possession of bass in the protected slot limit. The man was informed of the restriction as well as all creel limits. The fisherman received a citation for the illegal sized bass and a written warning for being in a restricted area.

**WARREN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WOODFORD COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch**

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

**KANE COUNTY**

CPO Iaffaldano investigated an unlawful hunting complaint. The individual was issued one citation and two written warnings for hunting out of open season, hunting without a hunting license, and hunting without a habitat stamp.

**LAKE COUNTY**

CPO Doescher issued a written warning to a man at Illinois Beach State Park for illegally trapping a squirrel and attempting to release it on state property.

On 01/20/2020 a subject who had been arrested on the Chain O' Lakes in the summer of 2019 pleaded guilty to OUI Watercraft. He received 12 months supervision, a 2433.00 USD fine, DUI school, and a victim impact panel.

On 02/27/2020, a subject who had been arrested on the Chain O' Lakes in the summer of 2019 pleaded guilty to OUI Watercraft. He received 60 days in Lake County Jail, 18 months conditional discharge, 3831.00 USD in total costs, DUI school, a mandate to attend a program, and no alcohol consumption.

On 03/12/2020, a subject who had been arrested at Illinois Beach State Park in the summer of 2019 pleaded guilty to DUI. He received fines and fees totaling 1833.00 and 12 months supervision. He also was ordered to attend a victim impact program, DUI school, and no consumption of alcohol.

**MCHENRY COUNTY**

CPOs Davis and Kelley responded to a report of an injured deer at MHSP. The deer appeared to have been hit by an automobile, but was still able to swim across the Fox River to avoid people. The CPOs found the deer on the western bank of the river and, after determining it was too seriously injured, euthanized it.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

CPO Anderson located several kids on ATVs who were taking advantage of the Department Properties closure and were riding their machines on the closed I & M Canal which is always restricted to off road vehicles. The kids were removed and educated on not using the property.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

All state sites were closed to the public due to the COVID-19 concerns. IDNR staff has been placing signs and barricades at all entrances to inform the public of the changes. Despite these signs and barricades many members of the public choose to ignore them. This week while on patrol CPO Elliot noticed fresh tire tracks around a closed/locked gate at Davis Creek. He entered the site and located a vehicle dumping construction materials into one of the firepits on the property. CPO Elliot spoke with (2) individuals who admitted to driving around the gate and dumping the construction materials. Both individuals were educated on the site closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued citations for driving off road to enter a closed site. All construction materials were picked up and taken with them.

CPO's Farber and Elliot assisted Kankakee river state park staff with the closure of the park due to the Corona Virus.

CPO Farber received a complaint in regards to a nuisance trapper in Kankakee, IL. CPO Farber spoke with a complainant and discovered that a local pest control business was offering trapping services for a fee. During the investigation, CPO Farber discovered that the owner of the pest control service, did not have the proper IDNR credentials to provide trapping services for a fee. The complainant advised that the trapper set live traps in her attic and didn't make any attempt to check the traps over a three day period. CPO Farber conducted a field interview with the un licensed nuisance trapper and discovered that he had been offering trapping services in the Kankakee area on and off for over 40 years. The violator was educated and enforcement action was taken.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WILL COUNTY**

CPO Anderson located several fishermen who had snuck through the fence to Braidwood Lake which was closed due to the Department Lands closures. The fishermen had attempted to hide their activity and access to the property. They were educated on the use of Department Property and the closures and issued citations for being in a restricted area.

CPO Prasun was contacted by a central Will County resident who was having a problem with beavers eating saplings and damaging larger trees near two ponds. The property owner's prior attempts to get the beavers to stop damaging his trees and to stay off the property did not work. After verifying the tree damage and the property owner's failed attempts to control the beavers, a nuisance permit was issued to the resident for their removal.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

CPO Kusta was patrolling southern Cook County when he was dispatched to an injured Bald Eagle on the highway. CPO Kusta arrived on scene where an Illinois State Trooper was standing by to ensure the eagle didn't go back on to the highway. CPO Kusta was advised by the trooper that the eagle was picked up and moved to the shoulder by a good

Samaritan. CPO Kusta observed the eagle was still alive and placed it in a crate to be transported. The eagle was transferred to Sgt. Mooi and CPO Swindle where it was taken to a wildlife rehabber for evaluation.

CPO Kusta was patrolling the Lake Michigan Shoreline for sport fish enforcement. CPO conducted a compliance check on a fisher who was in possession of a brown trout. CPO Kusta requested the fisherman's fishing license and Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp. The fisherman was not able to produce the required documentation. CPO Kusta conducted a check on the fisherman's license and stamp in the IDNR Point-of-Sale. The fisherman had a current sport fishing license but no Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman on the law requiring him to have his license in possession and advised him if he is in possession of salmon or trout the Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp is required. CPO Kusta seized the illegally possessed trout and later gave it to a properly licensed fisherman.

CPO Kusta was patrolling the Lake Michigan shoreline for sport fish enforcement. CPO Kusta checked fishermen at a Chicago harbor. Multiple fishermen were not in possession of their sport fishing license and one was fishing without a valid sport fishing license. CPO Kusta educated the fishermen on the law requiring them to have their fishing license in possession and issued written warnings for the violation. CPO Kusta took enforcement action on the fisherman fishing without a valid license.

CPO Swindle received a complaint about Salmon fishermen illegally harvesting fish over their daily allowed limit. Sgt. Mooi and CPO Roundcount arrived to assist CPO Swindle with the investigation and enforcement of the complaint. Contact was made with 3 fishermen, and all three were found to be over the limit of Salmon. One man was in possession of 6 Coho Salmon, another was in possession of 7 Coho Salmon, and the third man was in possession of 10 Coho Salmon. The third man also did not have a current fishing license or Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp. All three men were issued multiple citations for the violations, and all 23 fish were seized and given to properly licensed fishermen, as part of their daily limit.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPOT Roundcount and CPO Kusta came across three untagged fishing poles. The owner of the fishing poles was not present. The owner was located 15 minutes later. All fishing devices on Lake Michigan must be attended at all times and only two untagged devices are allowed. Enforcement action was taken to ensure future compliance.

CPO Kusta is conducting an investigation into multiple deer hunting violations, concerning multiple counties.

CPO McClenning conducted a Boat safety check was completed at Jackson Harbor , resulting in 1 Citation and 3 written warnings.

At William W Powers state park, CPO Swindle wrote one citation for no fishing license.

CPO Swindle wrote a citation and warning to two individuals at Montrose Harbor for no fishing license.

CPO Gates caught a person fishing at Busse Woods who had in his possession 30 bluegill. The site specific limit is 15. CPO Gates issued a citation for the over limit.

CPO Gates patrolled James Phillip State Park and discovered a trail post was collapsed. The appropriate notifications were made to fix the issue.

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CPOT Roundcount was checking fishermen at Horsetail Lake. One fisherman was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Roesch gave verbal warnings to multiple people at William Powers for entering the park while it is closed for COVID19.

DUPAGE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson**

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic has completed (2) two boat registration investigations in / around Quincy.

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

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

BROWN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten previously cited a Missouri resident for the unlawful take of a whitetail deer. The subject pled guilty and paid total fines and costs of \$377.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten previously arrested a subject for the unlawful take of a buck with a rifle and outside legal shooting hours. The subject pled guilty. His total fines and costs were \$1296. His Savage rifle was forfeited to the state.

CPO Michael Goetten previously stopped a timber truck in Jersey County. The driver was cited for insufficient paperwork for timber transportation. The stop led CPO Goetten to an illegal timber buyer in Greene County. A continued investigation led to the timber buyer being cited for failure to pay the 4% harvest fee. The truck driver pled guilty to the offense and the timber buyer paid the appropriate harvest fee of \$1285.

Ongoing complaints and encounters with the same groups of coyote hunters led to the discovery of firearm transportation and licensing issues. Three subjects pled guilty to recently issued wildlife citations.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley has been patrolling state properties during the shutdown and answering questions concerning the shut down and rumors that have been spreading. CPO Wheatley is still checking properties for the upcoming turkey season and patrolling the Mississippi river as weather permits.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Logan Spinka and CPO Michael Goetten previously conducted a joint investigation with Missouri Conservation Agent Ryan Binsbacher (recently hired by the Illinois Conservation Police) into a Missouri resident falsely claiming residency in Illinois to obtain deer and turkey permits. The case led to the seizure of 3 illegally taken bucks and 9

turkeys. The subject was charged and pled guilty in Jersey County. His total fines, costs and restitution were over \$10,000.

CPO Michael Goetten previously arrested a subject for felony DUI. The subject pled guilty, served 30 days in jail and paid a \$1000 fine.

CPO Michael Goetten previously arrested a boat operator for obstructing a police officer and failure to surrender watercraft title. The subject pled guilty to one count. His total fines and costs were \$495.

CPO Michael Goetten and CPO James Olroyd observed a vehicle driving 111 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Unable to immediately turn around to stop the vehicle, they communicated with a nearby deputy who observed and stopped the vehicle for a lesser speed. A review of the CPO's in-car camera confirmed the deputy stopped the same vehicle. The subject was arrested for reckless driving.

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**

CPO Olroyd issued a citation to an individual who entered onto State Park property where he did not have permission to access.

CPO Gushleff spoke to a youth 4 H group while he was on routine patrol of Beaver Dam State Park. One of the adult chaperones approached CPO Gushleff in his vehicle. He asked if the CPO could do a presentation to the group. They were in the park learning outdoor survival skills. CPO Gushleff gave a presentation on the role of the IDNR and duties of the Conservation Police. He also talked to them about outdoor survival.

CPO Gushleff taught several Hunter Safety classes in Macoupin County throughout February and March.

CPO Gushleff patrolled Beaver Dam State Park while the park is closed for the Corvid 19 epidemic. The patrols were to prevent vandalism and unlawful entry into the park.

**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**

Nothing to report for this county

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**LOGAN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MASON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley conducted a Timber Truck inspection in Menard County. No violations found. CPO Thornley conducted department lands enforcement on Menard and Cass County parks during state park closings.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Thornley traveled to Lake Jacksonville regarding a complaint of an individual hunting too close to a dwelling. CPO Thornley traveled to the area. It was determined the hunter was 52 yards from a residence. A citation was issued for the violation.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum handled a motorist assist in Clark County. CPO Wellum changed a flat tire for the occupants of the vehicle.

CPO Wellum handled a motorist assist in Clark County. CPO Wellum stayed with vehicle until tow truck arrived. Vehicle has in the middle of the road on a curve.

CPO Walked a timbered area in Clark County.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt issued a warning to a fisherman at Lake Paradise who did not have their fishing license or any i.d. on their person.

CPO Mieure issued a Paris man one written warning on Lake Charleston for not having battery terminal covers on his watercraft. Patrolled state parks within District 11 for site closures.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Hyatt issued a salvage tag to a resident of Toledo.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted the Walnut Point State Park workers in closing the park down due to the stay at home order.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt issued a salvage tag to a resident of Paris.

CPO Hyatt issued a written warning to an Indiana resident who was fishing from a boat at Twin Lakes and did not have all required boating equipment.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody assisted the WMA Site Superintendent closing state areas

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes assisted with the closings of Eagle Creek SP and Wolf Creek SP.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

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

CPO G. Anderson assisted in securing Clinton Lake SRA for closure.

FORD COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson continued wildlife investigations from this past deer season.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MACON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden has been working with District 19 CPOs on evidence dispositions in-preparation for the annual audit.

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

CPO G. Anderson assisted in securing Moraine View State Park for closure.

CPO G. Anderson received a call about a dead bald eagle located on private property in LeRoy, IL. CPO Anderson arrived at the property and met with the complainant to locate the eagle. The bald eagle was found and appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. CPO Anderson seized the eagle carcass and transported it to the District 19 Evidence Facility.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed a watercraft approaching the boat launch of a pond on State lands. Upon closer inspection, CPO Sanford noticed the registration decal for the watercraft had expired in 2019. CPO Sanford conducted a boat stop and subsequent safety inspection on the vessel. During the safety inspection, CPO Sanford discovered there were not enough wearable PFDs on board to accommodate the operator and passenger. The operator was issued a citation for the PFD violation and a WW for the expired registration.

## **South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker**

### **District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

#### **BOND COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **CLINTON COUNTY**

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

#### **MADISON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **MONROE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **RANDOLPH COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

While conducting fishing compliance checks at Baldwin Lake, CPO Gerdes checked a fisherman with three live bass in a cooler. The fisherman told CPO Gerdes he had caught the fish and put them in the cooler intending to release them at the end of the day. The fish were then measured and each was found to be 3 inches short of the 18-inch minimum length. The man was issued a citation and the fish were released.

CPO Gerdes also issued a written warning to another fisherman for not having his fishing license on his person while fishing at Baldwin Lake.

CPO Schachner was patrolling Cahokia Mounds to ensure public compliance with the closures ordered by the governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite orange cones and a sign posted at the entrance, two vehicles were parked side-by-side on the backside of the visitor's center. CPO Schachner spoke with two subjects, who had each driven separately to the site to meet each other. Both subjects were revoked drivers and did not have valid vehicle insurance. In addition, one subject was wanted on warrant, but was out of geographical limits. Both vehicles were towed and both subjects cited for driving while revoked and no vehicle insurance. They were released on Notice to Appear with mandatory court appearance. Both also received written warnings for entering the closed site.

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

## **District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

CPO Williams conducted security patrols of Department Lands Closed by the recent COVID-19 Pandemic and replied to numerous requests from the public about access to Rend Lake, a US Army Corps of Engineers lake which was still open.

CPO Williams received several inquiries about the upcoming turkey season, youth turkey season and hunting on private land due to the information being circulated on social media. The Department has addressed most of these inquiries through their website and social media.

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

CPO Williams assisted the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police in responding to a domestic incident on interstate 57. CPO Williams was in the area when Illinois State Police Dispatch broadcast a report of a male subject dragging a female subject in the median of the interstate. A semi-tractor trailer was parked on the shoulder. CPO Williams located the subjects and secured the scene. The Franklin County Sheriff's took the male subject into custody for domestic battery and transported them to the Franklin County Jail.

### **GALLATIN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

### **HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

CPO Folden is providing security for multiple closed IDNR properties as well as answering questions from the public about current closures.

### **HARDIN COUNTY**

CPO Wilkinson discovered a timber cut taking place in Hardin County. CPO Wilkinson made contact with the workers and determined who the buyer was. It was then discovered that the timber buyer was not licensed. After an interview was conducted, it was also determined that the buyer had not paid 4% on any jobs for over a year. The investigation is ongoing.

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

### **POPE COUNTY**

CPO Knop and CPO Wilkinson met with USDA concerning feral hogs in the Shawnee National Forest.

CPO Wolf assisted in closing IDNR properties.

CPO Wilkinson is conducting a deer hunting investigation and has been patrolling closed State Properties to prevent citizens from entering and the spread of COVID-19.

### **SALINE COUNTY**

CPO Knop continues to work deer investigations.

CPO Wilkinson conducted a timber truck inspection. It was determined the operator was transporting logs from Kentucky into Illinois. No violations were determined.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith was forwarded a complaint from the sheriff's office regarding fishing/trespassing on private property. CPO Smith was forwarded a picture taken of a vehicle showing its license plate, and two individuals standing next to it. The picture was taken at the private property in question. CPO Smith met with the two suspects and inquired why they were there fishing on the property without permission from landowner. They didn't have an excuse. The landowner wanted them cited. CPO Smith issued one citation each for fishing without permission from land owner. Both fishermen had an active sport fish license.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol in Fayette County Officer Roper observed a vehicle parked in a hunter parking lot at Ramsey Lake State Park, with two individuals sitting inside. CPO Roper ran the license plate on the vehicle and learned the registered owner of the vehicle was a registered violent sexual predator. Per Illinois Law sexual predators are not allowed to be in parks. CPO made contact with the individual in the driver's seat. CPO Roper identified the driver as the registered owner. CPO Roper placed the individual under arrest, and took them to the Fayette County Jail. The passenger of the vehicle was also charged with having an open container of medical cannabis inside the vehicle.

CPO Roper received information of a deer that may have potentially been killed unlawfully in Fayette County during the 2019 season. CPO Roper interviewed the suspected violator. The individual admitted to unlawfully killing the deer before having bought permits, or a hunting license. The individual was issued a citation and two written warnings.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Hyatt has been patrolling Sam Parr and Newton Lake with the Covid-19 closures. Making sure no one is sneaking onto the property while the parks are closed.

CPO Hyatt has been patrolling Jasper County for anyone scouting for turkeys for the upcoming turkey season.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

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

CPO Taylor was closing a report on a case involving a subject that had stolen a vehicle from Carbondale. The subject was sentenced to 6 years in Department of Corrections

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)**

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka issued 3 written warnings to subjects for fishing without a valid sport fishing license and checked multiple fisherman.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating a non-resident hunter who is falsifying his residency in two states.

CPO Tapley received a call about a subject hunting squirrels out of season. Tapley located a subject with a .22 rifle who admitted he was attempting to shoot squirrels. The hunter was found to have a revoked FOID Card. Due to the Coronavirus, the county jail would not accept him as an inmate, so he was released on a Notice to Appear.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas responded to a home invasion call along with ISP and Johnson County Sheriff's Office in Johnson County. A subject broke into a house armed with a knife and an air pistol over a domestic issue. The subject was taken into custody at the scene without incident.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf assisted in closing IDNR properties and did security checks on the sites.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a trespassing complaint in Perry County. Four subjects had launched kayaks on a creek located in Pyramid State Recreational Area. The creek conditions were treacherous due to recent heavy rain and cool temperatures. Additionally, Pyramid was closed due to the COVID 19 emergency. After launching, the subjects operated their kayaks onto the complainant's property. None of the kayakers possessed a wearable PFD on their boats. CPO Lewis issued each subject a citation for operation of a watercraft without a wearable PFD. He also issued them written warnings for being on IDNR lands during the closure and trespass to property.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Spinka assisted the Pulaski county sheriff's office with a home invasion in rural Pulaski county.

UNION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county