DATE: November 16, 2020
(Weeks of October 29 through November 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 – Captain Laura Petreikis
(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY
CPO Swanson and CPO Beltran interviewed a husband and wife in Stillman Valley regarding wildlife violations. The couple were issued multiple citations for multiple deer tagging violations while hunting in Carroll County. CPO Swanson seized an 8 point buck from a local processor and the meat was donated to a local hunger program.

HENRY COUNTY
CPO Posateri worked Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area. Several bow hunters were checked and a Kewanee, IL hunter was issued a written warning for failing to sign in at the check station. He did have a windshield card but also forgot it at home.

JODAVIESS COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LEE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MERCER COUNTY
CPO McKune conducted waterfowl, deer, sportfish and general enforcement during the reporting period. CPO McKune made 1 DUI Arrest. The arrest subject had a BAC of .154. CPO McKune made 1 Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by a minor arrest. This is the result of a traffic stop on an ATV driving on the roadway. CPO McKune made the arrest of a Mercer County man for Aggravated Fleeing and Attempting to Elude a Police Officer and Obstruction of Justice. This arrest is the result of an attempted traffic stop on a suspected drunk driver who fled in his vehicle when CPO McKune attempted to pull him over. CPO McKune and 2 Mercer County Deputies located the vehicle a short time later parked at a local residence. A search of the property resulted in the subject being located and taken into custody. The arrest subject was lodged at the Mercer County Jail on Felony charges. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for various violations during the reporting period.
OGLE COUNTY
CPOT Swanson and CPO Beltran have been busy with wildlife violations but have also noticed an increase in salvage and roadkill deer permits. CPO Beltran reminds you if you want to claim a salvage deer, make sure to contact your local CPO for the proper permit.

CPOT Swanson and CPO Beltran investigated a 42 year-old Milledgeville man caught on trail camera illegally bating deer. After further investigation, citations were issued.

CPOT Swanson and CPO Beltran contacted a 45 year-old Oregon man regarding a deer tagging violation. During the investigation, it was discovered the man had an outstanding warrant for a drug violation. CPOT Swanson was able to take the man into custody without incident and transport him to the Ogle County Jail. Oregon Police Department assisted during the arrest.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

STEPHENSON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY
CPOT Swanson and CPO Beltran investigated a 21 year-old Sterling man in regards to a video circulating the internet of the man chasing a large 8 point buck in a vehicle through a field at night. During the investigation it was discovered he was with two other subjects and they saw a group of deer in a field. The man expressed regret regarding his girlfriend videotaping him as he chased the deer through the field and was transparent with the officers. CPOT Swanson issued appropriate citations regarding the event.

CPOT Swanson and CPO Beltran were dispatched to an injured animal near Seward’s Park in Sterling. During this time, CPOT Swanson observed a suspicious vehicle parked at the edge of the water. The officers made contact and discovered two underage cannabis users. Appropriate items were seized and citations issued for the possession of cannabis.

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

BOONE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY
CPO Stanbary cited a motorist was in Bureau County for driving while license suspended after he was observed executing an illegal U-turn on an Interstate. The Lasalle man has a mandatory court appearance in Bureau County

DEKALB COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY
CPO Workman and CPO Kiprano were patrolling the Fox River for waterfowl hunters. CPO Kiprano and Workman checked 3 hunters in a boat. One subject had no hunting license, HIP permit, and no state or federal waterfowl stamp. CPO Workman issued 2 citations and issued a court date. A second subject was hunting while his FOID was revoked. He was also using an unplugged shotgun. CPO Kirpno issued a citation for the unplugged shotgun and failure to turn over FOID card. The shotgun was seized and subject was released on an NTA.
PUTNAM COUNTY
CPO Stanbary cited a Putnam Co resident for unlawfully operating a UTV without permission of the landowner and disturbing a stream bed. The individual had gotten his UTV stuck in a creek and caused damage to the landowner’s property and disrupted the stream bed. The Putnam Co. resident has a mandatory upcoming court date.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
CPO Leannah was conducting hunter compliance checks on the Pecatonica River when he encountered three men in a motorboat who had been archery deer hunting. One of the men claimed to only be photographing the hunt. Upon further investigation it was discovered the individual had his wildlife privileges revoked. There was also an uncased archery device in the motorboat. The subject was cited and released on a notice to appear. The hunter with the uncased device was issued a citation.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino received a complaint of headlights in the Sugar River Forest Preserve. CPO Alvarez-Gerbino and CPO Leannah responded to the location and found two hunters dragging a deer out of the forest preserve. Upon further investigation one of the hunters admitted to shooting the deer on forest preserve property. The hunter was issued multiple citations. The Deer was seized.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino arrested a male subject out of Union, Il on a Failure to appear warrant at Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino and CPO Leanah observed two trucks driving down Stateline Rd in Durand, Il with a blind and duck decoys in the bed of the trucks. The trucks pulled into a driveway shortly after. CPOs stopped to talk to hunters about their hunt. After speaking to the hunters they found them to have 3 uncased shotguns and 2 of the hunters didn’t have federal waterfowl stamps. The violations were addressed.

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

FULTON COUNTY
CPO Finn checked duck hunters at Rice Lake and Banner Marsh. He found a few hunters to not have the proper licenses and stamps and 1 to be hunting with an unplugged shotgun. CPO Finn issued several written warnings and one citation for the unplugged gun.

HENDERSON COUNTY
CPO McKune made the arrest of a Henderson County man for Criminal Trespass. This arrest is the result of a complaint received from a waterfowl hunter regarding an individual illegally trespassing on his property near the waterfowl hunter’s duck blind. The arrested individual was taken into custody without incident.

KNOX COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY
CPO Stanbary Issued a citation to a fisherman on the Illinois River Fishing near the Henry Marina. CPO Stanbary observed fisherman actively fishing. While approaching, the individual cut his fishing line an acted as if he wasn’t fishing when spoken too. The CPO then advised the fisherman he’d already observed him fishing. The man then acknowledged he didn’t have a license and stated he didn’t think he could get one because of COVID. The CPO explained several different options on how to obtain the license and issued the man a citation for no valid sport fishing license
MCDONOUGH COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

PEORIA COUNTY
CPO Lazzell cited a Glasford man for unlawfully hunting deer in an area found to be baited with mineral blocks.

CPO Lazzell cited a Peoria County hunter for unlawfully hunting deer without a valid permit, unlawful use of another’s deer permit and hunting on property without permission of the landowner.

STARK COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WARREN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WOODFORD COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LAKE COUNTY
CPO Kelley responded to a complaint of ATVs being ridden on the beach at Illinois Beach State Park. CPO Kelley was able to stop 4 individuals riding on the beach at the park’s North Unit. The riders said they did not know they were unable to operate ATVs in the park, despite multiple signs to the contrary. Three of the riders were issued citations. The fourth rider was a 14 year-old male and was issued a verbal warning.

CPO Reid arrested two subjects at the Chain O’ Lakes State Park boat ramp area for public indecency, after the two teenage subjects were caught in a compromising situation.

CPO Reid cited a subject at the Chain O’ Lakes State Park for littering after being observed throwing a styrofoam cup from his vehicle.

MCHENRY COUNTY
While checking waterfowl hunters in McHenry County, CPO Winters and CPO Kelley checked a couple groups out with a local waterfowl outfitter. A written warning was issued for a subject not having a federal waterfowl stamp and a citation was issued for a subject hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

While checking a group of five waterfowl hunters, CPO Winters came across a subject was able to load five shells into his shotgun. The subject was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.
**District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast**  
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

**KENDALL COUNTY**

**WILL COUNTY**

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

**COOK COUNTY**

CPO Kusta and CPOT Hopper were conducting sportfish enforcement at a southern Cook County lake. CPO Kusta and CPOT Hopper observed a subject actively fishing, CPOT Hopper requested the subjects sportfishing license. The subject was unable to provide a valid sportfishing license. CPO Kusta and CPOT Hopper requested the subject’s identification. The subject was run through ISP dispatch, it was later determined the subject had an active warrant for his arrest from 18 years prior for failing to appear on a traffic offense. The subject was taken into custody for the warrant and was educated on why a sportfishing license is needed when fishing in Illinois.

CPO Kusta and CPOT Hopper were conducting waterfowl enforcement on a Cook County river. CPOT Hopper requested one hunter’s hunting license, State waterfowl stamp, Federal waterfowl stamp, and HIP certification. The hunter was unable to produce his documentation because it was left in his truck. CPOT Hopper inspected that hunter’s shotgun, during the check it was determined the hunter was using an unplugged shotgun. CPOT hopper asked how long the hunter has been hunting for, the hunter replied 4 days. CPO Kusta and CPOT hopper observed the hunters plug inside his gun case. CPOT Hopper help the plug up and asked if he knew what it was, the hunter was unable to identify the plug. The hunter still had the store stickers and tags on the shotgun and gun case. The hunter was educated on and all his violations documented.

CPO Kusta and CPOT Gilliam were conducting wildlife enforcement in southeast Cook County. CPO Kusta and CPOT Gilliam observed a truck pulling out of a farm field, the driver dressed in camouflage. CPO Kusta and CPOT Gilliam stopped to inspect the hunter’s documentation and equipment. The hunter advised us he was hunting deer and looking to harvest a buck. CPOT Gilliam requested the hunters hunting license and deer permits. The hunter was able to provide his hunting license but did not have his deer permits in possession. A walk around the subject’s vehicle revealed he had a bow in his truck and the case was not completely closed. The hunter was educated on the bow and the case needing to be completely closed when transporting. Enforcement action was taken on the hunter for not being in possession of his deer permits.

CPO Kusta and CPOT Gilliam were conducting sportfish enforcement at Chicago Harbors. CPO Kusta and CPOT Gilliam observed 2 subjects unloading their vehicle, as the officers approached it was determined one fisherman was in possession of inland rainbow trout. CPOT Gilliam requested his fishing license and inland trout stamp. The fisherman had a valid sportfishing license but did not possess an inland trout stamp. The fisherman was educated on the inland trout stamp and the violation documented.
CPO Swindle completed a boat accident report and submitted the corresponding field report. CPO Swindle fielded a complaint that swans were being killed at the Burnham Prairie Forrest Preserve. A search of the area produced one swan on the bank near the body of water. There were no visible signs of intentional take of wildlife.

CPO Swindle contacted a biologist from the Shed aquarium requesting information on the removal of abandoned boats on the Chicago River. CPO Swindle put him in contact with a tow company. The tow company is currently putting together a proposal. The boats are still being identified.

Due to the weather several boats were on the water. Three boat inspections were completed at the Worth boat launch. While conducting a boat patrol on the Cal Sag River, CPO Swindle issued one citation for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft which had expired as of 2015.

CPO McClenning patrolled Cook County for Sport Fishing enforcement. 1 Citation issued for Unlawful snagging in an unauthorized area and 3 other violations were addressed with written warnings.

CPO Roesch patrolled several Chicago harbors checking fisherman. 2 citations were issued for illegally snagging salmon in an area closed to snagging.

CPO Roesch received a tips report about several dead geese in a field. The informant advised no one had permission to waterfowl hunt there. The geese were located, photographed, and investigation is pending.

CPO Roesch received a call from Lansing PD about 2 deer that had their antlers interlocked. One deer was already deceased. The antler from the other deer was sawed off and the deer escaped unharmed. CPO Roesch issued a salvage tag to the individual who took possession of the deceased buck.

CPO Roesch walked timber locating several tree-stands and trail cameras in Cook County.

CPO Roesch issued a citation to an individual for unlawfully trapping and transporting a racoon without a Class A nuisance wildlife control operator permit. CPO Roesch issued a nuisance permit to a landowner who had damage to his siding and room from squirrels and racoons.

DUPAGE COUNTY

While on wildlife patrol, CPO Gates observed a fire truck and ambulance on Bluff road in DuPage County outside of Waterfowl Glen forest Preserve. CPO Gates noticed the men trying to gain access to the path. CPO Gates pulled in alongside and asked what was going on. The firefighters said a person was hurt near the waterfall and they have been trying to open the gates but were unable to. CPO Gates immediately accessed his keys and was able to open the gates so the ambulance and firetruck could get to the injured party near the waterfall.

CPO Gates performed snagging and sport fish enforcement along the lakefront and various fishing spots in DuPage County. No enforcement was taken.

CPO Gates spoke with a hunter who has a deer feeder on his property with a ground blind adjacent to it. The man and his son have reported a total of 4 deer this deer. The man admitted to feeding and bait deer. The man also went on to DuPage forest preserve property to retrieve the deer, without obtaining permission from the forest preserve. After a conversation with the man, he was issued 6 citations for the deer he and his son took, the crossbow was confiscated, and the 2 mounts that were at the taxidermist were seized. Civil penalties were assessed for both deer, having a value of $6,500. The man was given a court date in DuPage county.
Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

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

ADAMS COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

BROWN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

GREENE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY
CPO Wheatley was called to Tioga regarding stolen grain from a grain wagon. After seeing obvious signs that do not coincide normal farm behavior, CPO Wheatley checked to property and found a man hunting over a pile of soybeans. The man was issued a citation for the bait, but claimed although he knew it was there, he did not place it there.

CPO Wheatley has been investigating 2 separate poaching cases, more to come once arrests are made.

JERSEY COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MACOUPIN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

PIKE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

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

CASS COUNTY
CPO Wahlbrink issued multiple citations to a non-resident hunter who he discovered archery deer hunting with a resident hunting license and resident deer permits.

While performing hunting compliance checks on two archery deer hunters, CPO Wahlbrink discovered one of the hunters did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp. The other hunter had the required licenses and permits but had forgotten to take his wallet containing the documents with him during the hunt. The individual without a hunting license
and habitat stamp was cited and the other was issued a written warning for not having the required documents in his possession.

Sgt. Gilmer and CPO Wahlbrink investigated a complaint of an individual unlawfully taking a bobcat while archery deer hunting at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA. The individual was identified and interviewed, yielding a confession of shooting a bobcat with his bow. He was cited for the offense.

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 Snodgrass was on routine patrol in Menard Co. when he observed a truck parked on the edge of a field with an empty trailer. Upon closer examination of the vehicle he observed a crossbow case in the back of the truck. CPO Snodgrass waited by the vehicle and later heard and observed a UTV coming from a wooded area near by. He made a stop on the UTV and found two subjects with uncased crossbows. CPO Snodgrass also observed blood in the back of the UTV. Upon questioning they stated neither had shot a deer. Further question determined that they were lying and one of them had shot a deer the night before and failed to tag or check the deer in. Both subjects were cited for unlawful transportation of an uncased crossbow, and one subject was issued a written warning for failure tag and report harvest of a whitetail deer.

MORGAN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY
CPO Wichern cited an archery deer hunter for hunting without permission east of Winchester.

District 11 – Sgt. Dan Greuel
(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

COLES COUNTY
CPO Hyatt responded to a call at Fox Ridge State Park regarding hunters scouting for deer in restricted areas and also driving ATV’s. Subjects in question were not located. Upon the search CPO Hyatt found two baited stands on the State Park property and will continue to monitor for activity.

CPO Mieure issued 4 written warnings for no fishing license, 2 written warnings for fishing license not in possession and 1 written warning for unnumbered watercraft.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Hyatt investigated an online roadkill report to validate residency and issue a Casey resident a salvage tag.

CPO Hyatt received information regarding a person hunting without permission. CPO Hyatt met with the complainant and walked property lines to gather more information.

CPO Hyatt began investigation on residency fraud case regarding a subject who uses family address to obtain resident hunting tags.

CPO Mieure issued one written warning for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued 2 written warnings at Walnut Point State park for transportation of uncased bow and no habitat stamp.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt investigated call of a “suspicious” vehicle parked at Willow Creek Habitat Area in a restricted area, upon investigation the subject was parked in a newly built parking lot and was hunting legally.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued one written warning for speeding 67 in a 55 mph zone.

CPO Moody cited two Chicago men for riding their ATVs all throughout the Wildlife Management Area, disturbing deer hunters.

CPO Moody cited a Burbank man for hunting deer over bait in rural Moultrie County.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes walked property checking for baited tree stands. CPO Barnes cited a subject for deer hunting over bait and hunting without a deer permit.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson
(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson received a complaint of open dumping and burning in Champaign. CPO Anderson met with the property owner and admitted to dumping and burning construction/demolition materials on site. CPO Anderson issued the resident citations for both violations.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Ausmus cited an Urbana man for Unlawfully hunting after hours. The hunter exited the woods 20 minutes after legal shooting hours with a loaded crossbow. The hunter was issued a citation, and written warning for the violations.

CPO Ausmus encountered two vehicles in a hunter parking area, belonging to the same family. A check of the windshield cards indicated all hunters had archery deer tags however; one hunter did not have a super senior habitat stamp, a second hunter did not have a hunting license or a habitat stamp, and a juvenile hunter did not have a youth hunting license. CPO Ausmus made contact with the group, written warnings were issued and the three hunters were able to purchase their needed documents online so they could continue their day afield.
CPO G. Anderson arrested the driver of a motor vehicle on a warrant.

While on patrol at Clinton Lake, I, CPOT Longley and CPO Viverito along with K9 Hank conducted a hunter compliance check. Hank was deployed and alerted to the vehicle. We identified the owner of the vehicle and after a hunter compliance check we conducted a search of the vehicle. During the search we found a loaded defaced firearm along with open alcohol containers and an open container containing contraband. The subject was arrested for possession of a defaced firearm and received multiple citations for possession of weapons with a revoked FOID and illegal transportation of alcohol.

FORD COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

IROQUOIS COUNTY
CPO G. Anderson stopped a suspicious vehicle without license plates. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver had their license revoked and no motor vehicle insurance. Citations were issued for the violations and the vehicle was towed.

CPO G. Anderson issued a Watseka resident a citation for possession of parts of wildlife that were taken unlawfully.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MACON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

PIATT COUNTY
District 19 CPOs assisted ISP Zone Investigations in the execution of a search warrant. ISP was following up on a fatal hit-and-run accident and sought assistance with sonar equipment. Evidence was located and an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect.

VERMILION COUNTY
CPO G. Anderson issued 2 hunters’ citations for hunting in a restricted area at Kickapoo State Park.

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 was checking youth hunters during the opening season for youth hunting. The CPO came across a 15 year old hunting alone. A quick check of his documents showed he did not have a hunting license. The grandfather quickly
came out from his vehicle and told me he had just left him for a moment. The CPO took both hunters out of the woods and spoke to them both about the rules pertaining to youth hunting weekend. A warning was issued to the hunter and to the adult hunter.

CPO Macias received a phone call from an IDOT worker who found a plastic tote with several pieces of hunting equipment and an out of state hunting license plus permit. The IDOT worker gave CPO Macias the information on the license. CPO Macias called the out of state hunters, they were a couple of Louisiana men that were headed back to Louisiana after a long week of hunting. It seems they lost the tote on their way back to Louisiana. The box was a bit scuffed but they recovered all their belongings and were appreciative of the recovery effort.

**MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Liebl attended out of state training for advance boat accident reconstruction training. There are only 6 advanced boat accident reconstruction officers in the State currently.

CPO French is investigating several deer cases involving hunting without permission.

**MONROE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CPO Schachner responded to a complaint of two subjects trespassing/hunting without permission. The landowner explained that a couple weeks earlier, they encountered a hunter on their property. When the landowner confronted the hunter, the hunter responded aggressively and told the landowner he was hunting nearby public ground and the landowner was required to grant him a 30 foot easement to access the public ground. The landowner contacted the local game warden and confirmed that the hunter’s statement was completely false. Once again, the hunter trespassed on the landowner. Shortly after responding, CPO Schachner observed both hunters on an adjoining landowner’s property and learned they did not have permission to be on this landowner either. Both subjects were cited for hunting without permission and received written warnings for criminal trespass and hunting without license in possession.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Binsbacher checked several bowhunters on coal company property. Only one hunter had a letter of permission, which later proved to be invalid. The other hunter had purchased his resident deer permits that day, but did not qualify for resident permits. In addition, he hunted at least 4 previous times without deer permits and without permission and illegally killed one deer and wounded another. Multiple citations were issued with mandatory court appearance. One butchered deer was seized and donated to a local food charity.

CPO Ralph Sievers attended Level II Boat Accident Reconstruction in Florida with CPO Bob Liebl and Troy Williams.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Marc Folden**

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

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**
CPO Williams attended Level 2 Boat Accident Investigations course instructed by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators

**GALLATIN COUNTY**
Nothing to report for this county

**HAMILTON COUNTY**
CPO Williams responded to a Hunting Incident where one member of the hunting party shot another while swinging on a covey of flushed quail. The victim was treated for multiple shot pellets to the lower legs and released.

**HARDIN COUNTY**
Nothing to report for this county

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**
Nothing to report for this county

**PERRY COUNTY**
Nothing to report for this county

**SALINE COUNTY**
CPO Wilkinson made contact with a group of hunters who were cleaning a deer in their shed. The deer was found untagged. Enforcement action was taken.

**WHITE COUNTY**
CPO Haggerty is investigating a complaint of hunter harassment. Pending investigation.

**District 15 – Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe**  
(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

**CLAY COUNTY**
CPO Smith and CPOT Vik received information about a Mississippi hunter trespassing onto private property near Flag Pond S.W.A. The officers walked into the area and found an untagged tree stand. Upon investigating who it may belong to, CPO Smith received a call from another officer stating then Mississippi hunter wanted to speak with an officer. CPO Smith made contact with the hunter and advised him his tree stand needed to be tagged with name and address in order to leave it unsecured and overnight. CPO Smith issued a citation for that offense, and a written warning for uncased archery device to him and his hunting partner.

CPO Smith observed a vehicle drive passed him with a dead barbed owl sitting on the windshield. CPO Smith thought the vehicle hit the owl and the driver was perhaps afraid to remove it. CPO Smith executed a traffic stop on the vehicle and asked the driver what was going on. The driver stated she found the bird dead on the road wand was going to take it home to her husband. I advised it is a class A misdemeanor to possess a bird of prey and issued her a written warning.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**
CPO Willand was on routine patrol when he observed a truck tactor semi-trailer hauling logs. CPO Willand conducted a traffic stop on said truck tractor and initiated a timber truck inspection. During the inspection it was found the driver did not have the correct over the road haul dates listed. A written warning was issued to the driver.
CPO Willand was on routine patrol when he observed a truck tactor semi-trailer hauling logs. CPO Willand conducted a traffic stop on said truck tractor and initiated a timber truck inspection. During the inspection it was found the driver did not have the listed transportation company nor the listed point of destination for the load. Two written warnings were issued to the driver.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**
Nothing to report for this county

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**
CPO Willand along with CPO Roper were conducting a road hunting/shining detail in Effingham County. A vehicle was seen activating a LED light bar when it would pass by harvested fields. CPO Willand and Roper followed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop due to the suspicious behavior consistent with road hunting and the unlawful use/aid of light to hunt. During the traffic stop CPO Willand and Roper discovered cannabis in open containers, cannabis paraphernalia and two pills. The driver of the vehicle was issued two citations and a written warning.

CPO Willand was advised of a white tail deer trapped between two fences in a residential neighborhood of Effingham. CPO Willand responded to the scene along with local law enforcement. The buck appeared to be in distress and it was clear it had been trapped for several hours in the unusually warm weather. Several attempts to remove the deer were unsuccessful while the animal was awake therefore a local vet was contacted in order to sedate the animal in order for a safe removal for both the animal and bystanders. A local animal rehabilitator was contacted and agreed to hold and monitor the deer until it was completely recovered and could be released back to the wild. The veterinarian arrived on scene and administered a dose of a tranquilizing substance. After several minutes the animal appeared sedated. A panel of wood fence was then taken apart via drill and saw to access the animal. The deer was removed from the area. The veterinarian checked the deer’s vitals. In an unfortunate turn of events it was evident the deer had succumbed to the heat and stress of the situation. The veterinarian attempted CPR and administered several breaths to the deer before it was determined to be now deceased. The animal was then removed from the scene.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**
CPO Roper Received a timber complaint. CPO Roper inspected the property, and with the district Forester conducted a timber audit. Investigation is still pending at this time.

CPO Roper received information of a Whitetail Buck which was unlawfully killed. CPO Roper interviewed the suspect involved and gained a confession in the investigation. CPO Roper issued the suspected a citation for Unlawful Take of Whitetail Deer, and Unlawful Tagging of Whitetail Deer.

CPO Roper located a hunter in the field hunting whitetail deer. Upon investigating CPO Roper learned the area the hunter was using had been baited. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for unlawful feeding of whitetail deer, and hunting over bait.

CPO Roper received information of an individual who had unlawfully harvested a whitetail deer. CPO Roper learned the individual involved in the complaint possessed no valid hunting license or deer permit. CPO Roper interviewed the individual in the complaint and learned the subject had in fact harvested a deer. CPO Roper issued the individual four citations.

CPO Roper received a complaint of an individual hunting deer with a rifle. CPO Roper located the individual and learned he was in fact coyote hunting. The subject had no valid hunting license. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for no valid hunting license.

CPO Roper received a complaint of a cellphone trail camera which had been shot. CPO Roper located enough evidence to positively identify the individuals involved. CPO Roper interviewed one of the subjects involved and obtained a confession in the incident. CPO Roper issued the individual two citations.
CPO Roper learned of a nonresident hunting in Fayette County. CPO Roper learned the individual had acquired resident hunting licenses and deer permits. CPO Roper located the individual and interviewed the subject. CPO Roper learned the individual had falsified DNR records to obtain the permits. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for Falsification of records, and unlawful hunting with no valid permits. CPO Roper issued the individual Written Warnings for hunting with no valid hunting license and habitat stamp.

JASPER COUNTY
CPO Smith and CPOT Vik received information of hunters hunting in a restricted area near the Newton Lake power plant. The officers took a boat across the lake to the area where they observed a Florida registered boat sitting along the bank. Within the boat were items associated with deer hunters. The officers waited until the hunters walked back to their boat. Upon contact, CPO Smith advised the hunter he was in a restricted hunting area. The other hunter was picked up along the way back. Both hunters had all their legal credentials and were cited for hunting in a restricted area. Written warnings were issued for boat safety equipment violations and uncased archery device.

LAWRENCE COUNTY
CPO Taylor and CPOT Engledow located two hunters that were hunting a woods that CPO Taylor had found bait in August. The hunters admitted to placing corn and a mineral block at various locations on the property. While examining the locations there was no evidence of bait. The hunters were issued two citations.

MARION COUNTY
CPO Willand received information of a nonresident hunter who had unlawfully possessed two white tail deer. CPO Willand was able to locate the nonresident hunter and through an interview learned where the deer were located. CPO Willand also discovered the nonresident hunter has failed to report a buck he had harvested the day prior. CPO Willand and Smith along with CPOT Vik responded to the residence where the deer were located. Following the investigation the nonresident was issued two citations and the unlawfully possessed deer were recovered.

CPO Smith and CPOT Vik issued written warnings to boat operators for two battery covers and lanyard. Written warnings were also issued for parking, failure to report harvest of deer by 10pm, windshield card display X 2, uncased archery device X 2, and hunting license not on person.

CPO Skelton along with CPOT Farrell investigated a complaint of a 10 point buck being harvested with a rifle in Marion County. The subjects were located along with the deer, and the rifle that was used. Subjects were also found to not have a hunting license, deer permit, or habitat stamp. The deer and rifle were seized, and both subjects were written several citations.

CPO Jourdan and CPOT Zigler issued citations to a Florida couple for killing a 10 point buck with a rifle. The female shot the buck in the head with a 6.5mm rifle. The rifle and deer were seized. The couple faces 10 counts of wildlife violations for the act.

RICHLAND COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WABASH COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WAYNE COUNTY
CPO Skelton and CPOT Farrell checked several deer hunters throughout the county issuing written warnings for various infractions.
CPO Skelton and CPOT Farrell worked a spotlighting detail in Wayne County.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**  
(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

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<td>CPO Tapley stopped to assist a motorist on the side of the road. It was found that her registration was suspended for no insurance and she was wanted on a Jackson County warrant.</td>
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<td>JOHNSON</td>
<td>CPO Wolf cited 5 Ohio men for hunting without permission. The landowner provided a license plate of the offender's vehicle and a description of the subjects and CPO Wolf found all 5 of them at Lake Glendale campground.</td>
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<td>POPE</td>
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