Illinois Conservation Police
Bi-Weekly Report

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

DATE: December 8, 2020
(Weeks of November 12 through 26, 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
(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY
CPO Peecher issued 2 wildlife WW, 2 traffic WW, and 1 Citation for dumping on public property.

CPO Peecher and CPO Hoftender responded to a call of duck hunters stranded in Savanna Slough. CPO Peecher and CPO Hoftender brought them a jump pack to get their motor running.

HENRY COUNTY
CPO Posateri patrolled Henry County for wildlife enforcement and spent time scouting areas for upcoming deer and pheasant season.

JODAVIESS COUNTY
CPO Hoftender and CPO Doescher cited a Woodstock man for hunting deer over bait. He was issued a written warning for the placement of bait.

CPO Hoftender and CPO Doescher issued 5 citations during the first firearm deer season for illegal transportation of uncased firearm.

CPO Doescher and CPO Hoftender issued two citations for use of unplugged shot gun during the first firearm season.

LEE COUNTY
CPO Peecher issued 2 wildlife WW

MERCER COUNTY
CPO McKune & CPO Jarrod Elliott conducted deer enforcement during the reporting period. CPO McKune and CPO Elliott made the arrest of 2 Rock Island County men illegally deer hunting in Mercer County. Multiple violations were discovered and addressed.

Citations (5)
1 – Unlawful Feeding of Whitetail Deer
1 – Unlawful Possession of Illegally taken 4pt Buck
1 – Unlawful Take of Whitetail deer
1 – Unlawful Feeding of Whitetail Deer
1 – Hunt by Use/Aid of Bait

Written Warnings (10)
3 – Hunt by Use/Aid of Bait
1 – Failure to Tag Immediately Upon Kill
3 – Unsigned Permits
1 – Unlawful attempt to take without valid permit
1 – Possession of Another’s Permits
1 – Permits not in possession

Seizures: 4 pt Buck

OGLE COUNTY
CPO Beltran and CPOT Swanson conducted several investigations regarding the unlawful take of deer. Several deer were seized and food donated to charity. The antlers are being sent to Springfield for disposition.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
CPO Peecher issued 1 Citation for driving without proof of insurance.

CPO K. Williams patrolled Rock Island County during the Deer firearm season weekend. Multiple warnings were issued over the weekend.

CPO K. Williams patrolled Black Hawk State Historic Site. A truck and trailer were located in the parking lot area with the engine. Upon further investigation the vehicle and trailer were determined to be stolen out of Sioux City, IA. Investigation is pending.

STEPHENSON COUNTY
CPO Peecher issued 1 wildlife WW

WHITESIDE COUNTY
CPO Peecher issued 2 wildlife WW and 2 Wildlife citations.

CPO K. Williams patrolled Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife area. Multiple warnings were found on two hunters, and warnings issued.

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 archery deer hunters observed individual riding ATV with uncased crossbow. CPO Wagner cited individual and explained the law pertaining to motor vehicles and uncased guns or crossbows.

CPO Wagner also found archery deer hunter w/out habitat stamp. CPO Wagner cited individual for no habitat stamp and written warning for unlawful take whitetail deer. Hunter had harvested a doe a week earlier and did not have the
habitat stamp. After brief interview CPO determined hunter was not intentionally harvesting deer w/out habitat stamp therefore issued warning.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam worked Bureau county for the first firearm deer season. The following violations were found during the weekend. 3 violations for hunting by use or aid of bait, 2 violations for speeding, 1 violation operation of uninsured motor vehicle, 1 violation for hunting w/out hunting license, 1 violation unlawful attempt to take, 1 violation unlawful feeding of whitetail deer, 1 violation for unlawful operation of ATV on roadway and 1 violation for operating ATV while suspended. Citations were issued for violations and individual operating ATV while suspended was issued citations and given a mandatory court date in Bureau county court.

DEKALB COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY
CPO Kiprono was checking firearm deer hunters when an out of place vehicle was parked at Mitchell’s Grove Nature Preserve. As CPO Kiprono approached the vehicle, the driver rolled down the window and a strong odor of marijuana emanated from the vehicle. Four underage kids from Mendota were discovered smoking marijuana unlawfully in a motor vehicle. The marijuana and glass pipe were seized as evidence and the violations were addressed.

CPO Workman and CPO Kiprono were on routine patrol in Lasalle County and observed two hunters standing next to a truck. CPO Workman and Kiprono conducted a hunter compliance check and found neither hunter had a habitat stamp and one hunter did not have a hunting license. CPO Kiprono insisted the hunters show us their deer stands. In front of one of the deer stands an apple was smashed on the ground. The hunter who hunted that stand was questioned on the apple and the hunter admitted to throwing it down, stomping on it, and hoping the apple scent would lure a deer. The hunter who smashed the apple was cited for hunting over bait and issued a written warning for the habitat stamp. The other hunter was issued a citation for hunting with no valid hunting license and a written warning for hunting with no valid habitat stamp.

CPO Kaufman received a tip of a possible deer baiting. CPO Kaufman and CPOT Thompson went to the area and tried to observed the area with binoculars due to the area being within 100 yards of a house. As they were looking at the area an individual came out of the house, walked to the baited area, poured molasses onto a tree, and walked to his ground blind. CPOT Thompson made contact with the hunter. Three citations were issued.

CPO Kaufman was checking an illegal ground blind on state property when he noticed 2 vehicles on the neighboring property with out of state plates. During a hunter compliance check CPO Kaufman determined that one of the hunters had moved out of Illinois in June 2020. In November 2020 the hunter had purchased 2 sets of archery resident deer permits, “saving” him $760 from buying non-resident permits. Several citations were issued and the Pennsylvania resident will be returning to Illinois in January 2021 for a court date.

CPO Workman received a call for help from a 16 year old hunter stating he was trying to track a wounded deer he had shot but was denied permission from the neighboring landowner to continue follow the blood trail on the property. CPO Workman was able to make contact with the neighboring landowner via phone, and was able to persuade the landowner to allow the hunter to continue to track his wounded deer, under the circumstance CPO Workman would escort the hunter. CPO Workman met with the landowner and escorted the young hunter, his brother, and his father on the property. The blood trail eventually led to property that the hunter had permission to be on and CPO Workman was able to leave and report to a call at Starved Rock where he issued 3 citations and 4 written warnings for remaining in an area after closing time.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam conducted traffic stop on individual for driving while operating electronic device. Individual had swerved over center line and was looking up and down while driving. Upon stop individual admitted to using electronic device while driving and driver was also suspended. Driver was cited for the violation.
CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam were contacted by SGT Phil Wire about illegal burning off IL 52 near Mendota. After arriving on scene it was obvious PVC and plastic piping had been burned near a pig farm. Individual admitted to burning the plastic piping and was cited for the violation and given a mandatory court date.

Recently a case was closed involving and individual who CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam had found unlawfully catching and keeping three different species of turtles on the Illinois river. The individual was found to be under revocation at the time. The individual was charged with three separate counts of unlawful take of turtles (3 species) by illegal methods, unlawful take of aquatic life while under revocation and fishing w/out a fishing license. The court found the individual guilty of all charges with the exception of fishing w/out a fishing license. Worth noting is the individual was find nearly $1500 in fines and given an additional 60 month revocation on top of his original revocation. I applaud LaSalle County SA office in this case.

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
Nothing to report for this county

HENDERSON COUNTY
CPO Shafer McKune and CPO Jarrod Elliott conducted deer hunting enforcement during the reporting period. Multiple violations were addressed and are as follows:

Citations (15)
1 - Falsification – Invalid Permit
2 - Failure to tag immediately upon kill
1 - Failure to Report Harvest by 10:00PM
1 – Unlawful Take of Whitetail Deer without permit
1 – Unlawful Possession of Uncased Crossbow in Vehicle
1 – Unlawful Possession of Illegally taken Whitetail Deer
1 – Civil Citation – Possession of Cannabis
1 - Falsification – Invalid Permit
2 - Failure to tag immediately upon kill
1 - Failure to Report Harvest by 10:00PM
1 – Unlawful Take of Whitetail Deer without permit
1 - Unlawful Possession of Illegally Taken Whitetail Deer
1 – Civil Citation – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Written Warnings (13)
1 – Falsification – Invalid Permit
3 – Failure to sign permits
1 – No Federal Waterfowl Stamp
1 – Possession of untagged deer
1 – Falsification – Invalid Permit
1 – Blaze Orange
3 – Failure to sign permits
1 – No State Waterfowl Stamp
1 – Possession of untagged deer

Seizures
1 – Raven Crossbow
1 – 8pt Buck
1 – Doe

KNOX COUNTY
CPO Shafer McKune and CPO Jarrod Elliott conducted deer hunting enforcement during the reporting period. Multiple violations were addressed and are as follows:

Citations (2)
2 – Hunt by Use/Aid of Bait
2 – Unlawful Feeding of Whitetail Deer

Written Warnings (2)
2 – Unlawful attempt to take whitetail deer

MARSHALL COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY
CPO Shafer McKune and CPO Jarrod Elliott conducted deer hunting enforcement during the reporting period. Multiple violations were addressed and are as follows:

Written Warnings (7)
1 – No Hunting License in Possession.
1 – Uncased Handgun in a Vehicle.
1 – No Permits in Possession.
1 – Blaze Orange
1 – Archery Hunting During Closed Season
1 – Failure to Sign-in at State Site (Argyle S.P.)
1 – No Permits in Possession

Citations (16)
1 – Failure to Report Harvest by 10:00PM
1 – Feeding Whitetail Deer
1 – Hunting After Hours (Loaded Firearm)
1 – Hunting without Permits
1 – Hunt by Use/Aid of Conveyance
1 – Possession of Firearm by Felon
1 – No Blaze Orange
1 – No Hunting License
1 – No State Habitat Stamp
1 – Unlawful Attempt to take Whitetail Deer.
2 – Feeding Whitetail Deer.
1 – Violation of Revocation (Wildlife).
1 – Hunting without Permits.
1 – Hunt by Use/Aid of Bait.
1 – Possession of Loaded Uncased Gun in Vehicle.

**Seizures:**
1 – 20 Gauge Shotgun

**Peoria County**
CPO Lazzell cited a Chillicothe man for hunting without permission of landowner, unlawful take of whitetail deer, and failure to wear blaze orange during firearm deer season.

CPO Lazzell cited an Edwards man at Jubilee College State Park for unlawfully attempting to take deer over a baited area.

**Stark County**
Nothing to report for this county

**Tazewell County**
CPO Finn checked deer hunters during firearm deer season. He checked two hunters who were hunting by use or aid of bait (apples and mineral salts). The two hunters were cited for hunting by use or aid of bait and unlawful attempt to take of whitetail deer. Both have mandatory court dates in Tazewell 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**
CPO Iaffaldano located a subject fishing without a license while checking fisherman along the Fox River. The subject was also wanted on a warrant for failure to appear out of Will County. He was arrested and transported to jail.

**Lake County**
CPO Kelley responded to a call of an injured Sandhill Crane in Antioch, IL. With the help of several neighbors, the crane was captured and transported to a local rehabber.

**McHenry County**
While investigating a baited deer stand during the firearm season, CPO Winters observed a subject archery hunting with a pile of corn within 20 yards of his tree stand. The subject did not have a valid firearm tag and was not wearing any blaze orange. He received a citation of unlawfully hunting deer with the aid of bait, unlawfully archery hunting during the closed firearm season without having a valid firearm tag and a written warning for not having on blaze orange.

CPO Reid investigated a TIP regarding a trophy buck that was illegally taken in McHenry Co. After identifying a suspect and conducting an investigation the offender was cited for: Hunting on Private Property without Permission, Deer Hunting Without a Valid Permit, Unlawful Take of an 11pt Buck and Falsification of Records. A trophy caliber deer was seized and a civil penalty under the state’s trophy bill of $9,250 was also imposed.
**District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast**  
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

Sgt. Wollgast assisted the Grundy County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant on a traffic stop where the driver had an uncased cocked crossbow in the front seat in a high deer dense area. Sgt. Wollgast and the Sheriff’s Sergeant were able to prove the driver was illegally hunting deer from his vehicle at night. It was also determined that his hunting privileges had been suspended the past 5 years and this was his first season back allowed to legally hunt. The hunter had been illegally taking deer during his suspension. The crossbow and deer permits were seized and driver was arrested on several wildlife violations.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

While CPO Elliot was following up with a hunter about previous violations it was determined that new violations had taken place. While being interviewed, the hunter admitted to hunting at the Kankakee River state park during shotgun season with a crossbow when he knew the park was closed to all deer hunting. Several other violations intentional violations were uncovered and the hunter was issued a citation for unlawful take of protected species (deer) and hunting without consent. A Mossberg 16 gauge shotgun and the deer were confiscated.

While patrolling near Iroquois State Wildlife Area, CPO Elliot observed a suspicious vehicle near the south end of the wildlife area. When CPO Elliot turned around to get a better view of the vehicle, he heard 2 gun shots and noticed the vehicle was parked in the middle of the road. It also appeared the driver was retrieving something from the ditch. The vehicle took off quickly and CPO Elliot and CPO Farber conducted a traffic stop several miles south of where the vehicle was first observed. The driver admitted to shooting two cock pheasants from his truck. The vehicle owner was issued citations for failure to signal, unlawful hunting by aid of a vehicle, unlawful shooting on a highway, and unlawful take of a protected species (cock pheasant). Both pheasants and a Benelli Super Black Eagle shotgun were confiscated.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

CPO Bergland received a tip prior to firearm season of a hunter from a Sportsman Club that borders a IDNR nature preserve was hunting on preserve property. CPO arrived at the hunting blind early and waited for the hunter to arrive. The hunter did show up and after sunrise, CPO Bergland revealed himself and spoke to the hunter. The hunter showed CPO Bergland a map given to him by the sportsman club that showed that the hunter was on sportsman club property. The map was inaccurate and the hunter was indeed on nature preserve property. Enforcement action is on hold pending investigation of the authenticity of the map provided.

Having had reports of people being in Silver Springs State Park after hours, CPO Bergland drove through the park after dark in between patrolling for spotlighters. CPO Bergland saw a vehicle parked and approached the vehicle. When he did, he was hit by an overwhelming smell of cannabis. CPO Bergland saw cannabis in a glass jar in the back seat. The subject in the vehicle was under 21. Enforcement action was taken and the subjects mother came and got the vehicle.

CPO Bergland received a report of waterfowl hunters at Heidecke Lake not using a boat to access the blind they were using. They walked in on land instead. When CPO Bergland made contact, he learned that the two young men were 1st time waterfowl hunters and were unaware of the site specific regulations at Heidecke. CPO Bergland educated them and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Bergland received a report of illegal trapping in Oswego. CPO Bergland found the traps and made contact with the trapper. He was new to trapping and was mistaken about a couple of details of the law. CPO Bergland educated the trapper on the law and appropriate enforcement action was taken.
WILL COUNTY

While enroute to their firearm deer hunting property out of district, an off duty Illinois State Trooper located a cooler on the side of the highway which appeared to have fallen out of a truck. Inside the cooler was a recently taken 10pt buck head and cape, tagged with a scrap of paper containing the hunter’s harvest information. The trooper contacted CPO Honiotes in Will County, who quickly determined that the buck was not taken under an Illinois tag and license. Based on the trooper’s description of the location of the cooler, CPO Honiotes contacted the nearest Iowa Conservation Officer, who determined the hunter had no credentials in their state either. Knowing there was currently a rifle season open in Missouri, the Iowa Conservation Officer contacted a Missouri Conservation Agent, who determined that the buck was taken in Harrison County Missouri, by a non-resident hunter from Maryland and provided the hunter’s direct phone number. CPO Honiotes made contact with the Maryland hunter, who was very appreciative of the efforts put forth by all officers/agencies involved.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Roesch investigated a complaint of a sick deer, unfounded. CPO Roesch patrolled Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve after receiving information that a very large buck has been spotted there and is attracting unwanted attention from potential poachers.

CPO Roesch conducted 3 traffic stops and issued 1 citation for no insurance and 1 WW for failure to display headlights at night. CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on an individual driving in a nature preserve at night pulling a trailer full of trash. The individual admitted he was going to dump the trash in the forest preserve. CPO Roesch issued a citation for entering a closed nature preserve.

CPO Roesch patrolled several Chicago Harbors checking fisherman. CPO Roesch issued a citation for snagging salmon in an area closed to snagging.

CPO Roesch followed up with an investigation from a deer harvested on 1/04/2020. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for hunting without a license and 2 WW (habitat stamp and unlawful take of whitetail deer).

CPO Roesch patrolled several areas looking for deer hunting violations. CPO Roesch is investigation a hunter who is possibly hunting without permission. Investigation pending. CPO Roesch and CPO Roundcount found a gut pile from a freshly killed deer on cemetery property. Investigation ongoing.

CPO Gates worked on a theft complaint from a hunter regarding his property being stolen from his hunting site in James Phillip State Park.

CPOT Hopper conducted boat and hunter compliance checks at a water fowl Hunter frequenting area. Three written warnings were issued to a waterfowl hunter. CPOT Hopper performed multiple boat safety inspections.

CPOT Hopper performed a boat safety inspection and assisted other CPOS in boat storage preparation.

CPOT Hopper and CPO Kusta investigated boat registration for a local marina. CPOT Hopper issued a written warning for a motor vehicle equipment violation.

CPOT Hopper and CPO Kusta conducted a compliance check on three waterfowl hunters.
CPOT Hopper and CPO Kusta issued 6 written warnings to driver disregarding traffic signals. One citation was issued to a fisherman for over limit of yellow perch.

CPO Roesch responded to a boat crash involving a barge striking a fishing boat and a man being thrown into the water. CPO Roesch located the individual who was thrown into the water. The individual had no injuries. Investigation ongoing.

CPO Gates assisted District 13 and District 14 with deer investigations. While utilizing social media, CPO Gates discovered two cases of individuals with various discrepancies regarding harvest or permits. The information was forwarded to the relevant CPO’s in the county the offenses are believed to have occurred.

CPO Gates continues to monitor James Phillip due to reports of hunters having items stolen from their sites.

CPO Gates received information from Naperville animal control about a Naperville resident feeding deer and other wildlife. CPO Gates spoke with the property owner and educated the elderly gentleman regarding the feeding laws in the state of Illinois. The man was issued a written warning for feeding/making food available to deer.

CPO Gates received a tip regarding a hunter who failed to report his harvest by 10pm the day he took possession of the deer. The hunter did report the harvest the following day. Attempts were made to contact the individual with no success. CPO Gates will continue to try and make contact with the hunter and address the wildlife violation.

DUPAGE COUNTY
CPO Gates performed sport fish enforcement throughout DuPage County. One angler was issued a written warning for fishing with too many devices on a 2 pole and line lake.

CPO Gates requested the most recent harvest report for DuPage County. CPO Gates continues to investigate properties that are suitable for deer hunting.

CPO Gates was doing waterfowl enforcement in West Chicago when he came across a group of 5 men waterfowl hunting a private corn field near the DuPage Airport. CPO Gates performed a field inspection and all individuals had the proper licenses and stamps to lawfully hunt waterfowl. Minor violations were observed. The group failed to keep separate bag limits, one member was using an unplugged shotgun, allowing their dog to retrieve a downed bird on private property, and one member had an over limit of Canada Geese (daily limit is 3, he had 4). The violations were all addressed between citations and warnings.

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 received a complaint of hunter harassment in Adams County. After an investigation was conducted, CPO Blazinic charged an individual with a single count of hunter harassment.

CPO Blazinic received a complaint of an individual possibly poaching a 10 Point Buck in Adams County. The suspect was interviewed and due to past dealings with law enforcement did not confess to poaching the buck. CPO Blazinic however was able to charge the suspect with failing to immediately tag deer upon harvest. The suspect also possessed a failure to appear warrant out of Pike Co.
CPO Blazinic during the firearm deer season charged a subject with hunting over bait and feeding deer. The subject was hunting over a trophy rock baited area. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Blazinic during the firearm deer season charged two (2) other individuals with hunting over bait and feeding deer. Both were hunting separately but in the same vicinity. Both subjects were hunting over a salt hole / depression in the soil due to years of repeated baiting. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Blazinic during the firearm deer season charged an individual for unlawfully making food available for whitetail deer. The suspect in the late summer / early fall placed cracked corn all over the property and put trail cameras out to “see what he had on the property”. The suspect was informed feeding deer is also illegal and was issued a citation.

CPO Blazinic checked an ATV at dark leaving a field on the second day of firearm deer season. The ATV was traveling with no lights on. Upon reaching the ATV, CPO Blazinic observed both subjects were holding uncased firearms on an ATV. Citations were issued.

CPO Blazinic also issued the following written warnings during the firearm deer season. 2 ww for no blaze orange cap, 1 ww for trophy regs, 4 points one side, 7 ww for unsigned permits, 1 ww for no hunting license (parental responsibility)

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<td>CPO Olroyd continues to enforce wildlife violations regarding whitetail deer in Greene County.</td>
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<td>CPOT Priest and CPO Wheatley arrested a hunter for placement of bait and hunting over bait. The man admitted to placing a salt block by his blind earlier in the year. The man was also issued Written Warning for hunting without a valid permit and attempting to unlawfully take whitetail deer.</td>
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<td>CPOT Ben Pankey and CPO Michael Goetten investigated a large buck suspected to have been harvested in a restricted area at PMSP. During the investigation, they located the subject actively hunting the restricted area. The subject admitted he unlawfully harvested the buck at the same location. He was cited for the offenses and the buck was seized.</td>
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<td>CPO Chris Gushleff arrested a subject during the first firearm deer season of 2020 for falsification of residency. The Georgia resident was applying for free resident landowner deer permits. The subject was on record with the IDNR as living at a Brighton address, when he actually resided in Georgia.</td>
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<td>CPO Gushleff has been investigating this issue for several years, and trying to catch the subject in the field. The subject also had his children on the application.</td>
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CPO Gushleff and Olroyd made a deer hunting check in Macoupin County, when they came across 2 men who were coming out of the field on an ATV. The men were deer hunting, and had 2 guns uncased in the back of the ATV. They also weren’t wearing the full blaze orange, and 1 subject didn’t have his deer permits on him. They were cited and issued written warnings for the offenses.

CPO Gushleff received a complaint about a subject who had a hunting stand within 330 yards of an inhabited dwelling, and did not have permission to hunt there from the dwelling owner. The dwelling resident told the subject he thought the stand was too close. A survey was completed of the land by the dwelling resident, and the surveyors found the stand to be 260 yards from the dwelling. The hunter was found in the stand, firearm deer hunting during the first season. He was cited for the offense.

CPO Gushleff received a hunting complaint from a landowner. The landowner said a subject that he knows to hunt a neighboring property came onto his property after he shot a deer. The deer ran onto the landowner’s property, and the hunter did not receive permission to retrieve the deer. The hunter gutted the deer and drug it back to the property he had permission to be on. He was cited for the offense.

CPO Gushleff cited a subject during the firearm deer season for a permit violation. He left his permits at home and was deer hunting without them in possession.

CPO Gushleff had various contacts with deer hunters in the field in Macoupin County. 15 written warnings were issued to hunters with minor deer hunting violations, and many hunters were educated on these issues.

CPO Olroyd issued citations in Macoupin County regarding failure to report harvest by 10 PM, and uncased firearms while operating an ATV.

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
During the firearm deer season, CPO Wahlbrink issued three citations and three written warnings to individuals for various violations including; hunting without permits in possession, possession of a firearm without a FOID card, hunting without a hunting license in possession, and failing to label treestands at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LOGAN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY
CPO Wahlbrink cited an individual for hunting waterfowl at Sanganois Conservation Area without a valid hunting license.
MENARD COUNTY
CPO Thornley conducted a compliance check of a hunter on an ATV. The hunter had an untagged deer on his ATV. A citation was issued to the hunter for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. The hunter was issued a written warning for unlawful transport of the untagged deer. CPO Thornley conducted a compliance check of a hunter walking down the road. While checking the hunter, another hunter pulled up on an ATV. CPO Thornley noticed two uncased shotguns on the ATV. The hunter on the ATV was issued a citation for unlawful transport of an uncased firearm.

MORGAN COUNTY
CPO Wahlbrink cited an individual for hunting in Morgan County with a Cass County deer permit during firearm season.

CPO Wichern cited a firearm deer hunter for using a Macoupin deer permit in Morgan county along Apple Creek.

CPO Wichern cited a firearm deer hunter for hunting deer without a valid permit along the Left Fork of Apple Creek.

SANGAMON COUNTY
CPO Snodgrass was on patrol in Sangamon County when he observed a side by side occupied by two hunters crossing a field. CPO Snodgrass met them at a nearby roadway when he observed an uncased shotgun in the side by side. One of the subjects had been shotgun deer hunting while the other was just observing. Upon a compliance check of the hunter it was found the shotgun was unlawfully capable of holding more than three rounds which is illegal to deer hunt with. The subject was issued a citation and a written warning for the violations.

CPO Snodgrass responded to a call of a hunter hunting without permission. Upon inspecting the properties of both parties it was found that the hunter had unlawfully shot a deer on the neighbor’s property. The hunter was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting without permission. He was issued warnings for unlawful take of a whitetail deer and hunting within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling.

CPO Thornley traveled to Loami to investigate a trespassing complaint. It was determined two hunters were looking for a deer shot the previous night. They crossed over property lines without asking for permission. Two written warnings were issued to the hunters. CPO Thornley issued a salvage tag for a found dead deer.

SCOTT COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

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

CLARK COUNTY
CPO Mieure and CPOT Kater issued a Kansas man one citation for the unlawful killing of two raccoons. A Florida man was cited for unlawful use of a rifle during firearm deer season and his wife received written warnings for no hunting license, no habitat stamp and unlawful take of whitetail deer.

CPO Hyatt met with CPO Mieure to investigate a known baiting site, we made contact with 4 subjects and issued 1 citation and 4 warnings.

CPO Miller issued a Kansas resident multiple warnings for no hunting license and possession of wildlife parts taken unlawfully.
**COLES COUNTY**
CPO Mieure and CPOT Kater issued a Charleston man two citations for hunting deer over bait, no valid deer permits and one written warning for unlawful feeding of deer. A Champaign hunter at Fox Ridge SP was issued a written warning for hunting with an unplugged shotgun. A Newton woman was issued a written warning for speeding 71 in a 55 mph zone on IL Rte 130. A Charleston woman was issued a written warning for speeding 70 in a 55 mph zone on IL Rte 16.

CPO Hyatt met with CPO Mieure on opening day firearm season to check a blind where a deer feeder had been placed. We made contact with 2 hunters and issued 3 citations 3 warnings.

CPO Hyatt met with hunters and residents north of Oakland regarding hunter harassment, I the property and trails to see exactly the location of stands. Warnings were issued.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**
CPO Mieure issued one citation and two written warnings to hunters for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

CPO Hyatt met with Toledo resident to inspect a deer that had been found on private property and issued a salvage tag.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**
CPO Hyatt met with resident regarding a dead deer found on property, salvage tag was issued after investigation concluded.

**EDGAR COUNTY**
CPO Hyatt and CPO Miller met with Edgar county hunter who admitted to hunting from his vehicle, 3 citations and 7 warnings were issued.

CPO Miller issued a Clark County resident multiple citations for no hunting license or habitat stamp.

CPO Miller issued a Paris resident multiple citations for road hunting deer out of their tuck.

**MOULTRIE COUNTY**
CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man in rural Moultrie County for firearm deer hunting over bait. The man received other written warnings as well.

CPO Moody cited an Arthur man for hunting with no valid firearms deer permit in rural Moultrie County.

CPO Moody encountered a PA man hunting on the Wildlife Management Area. The man was found to have no hunting license as well as had harvested a buck in the previous days and had not reported it. The man received a citation and multiple warning.

**SHELBY COUNTY**
CPO Barnes cited 3 Vermont subjects for Uncased guns and Failure to tag a deer.

CPO Barnes cited a Shelbyville subject for deer hunting over bait and unlawful take of a deer.

CPO Barnes cited a Strasburg subject for deer hunting over bait.

CPO Barnes cited a Decatur subject for deer hunting over bait in Wolf Creek SP.

CPO Moody cited a Decatur man outside of Shelbyville for firearm deer hunting with no valid deer permit.
**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**
*(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermillion)*

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**
In Champaign County, CPO Ausmus checked two firearm deer hunters. The hunters, an adult and 16 y/o from Paxton were found to be hunting in Champaign County with Vermilion and Ford County permits. The 16 y/o did not have sufficient blaze orange, and the adult failed to sign his deer permits. Enforcement action was taken.

**DEWITT COUNTY**
CPOs Graden, Thompson, Viverito, and Ausmus responded to a complaint of possible human remains found on IDNR Property. The CPOs arrived and determined that there was in-fact something that was decomposing. ISP Crime Scene was notified and assisted in documenting the scene. The Dewitt County Coroner and McLean County Forensic Pathologist were notified and assisted in the investigation. The investigation revealed the remains were non-human.

**FORD COUNTY**
CPO Viverito and CPO G. Anderson issued a hunter from Mississippi 3 citations regarding illegal hunting during the firearm deer season. CPO Viverito discovered the head of an 8-point buck and a cooler full of deer meat in the bed of the hunter’s truck. After a brief investigation, the hunter had a Livingston County antlerless only firearm tag and another hunter reported harvest for the deer. The deer and the hunter’s firearm were seized as evidence. The incident is still under investigation for additional violations that may have occurred.

**IROQUOIS COUNTY**
CPO G. Anderson came across a young hunter during the firearm deer season. CPO Anderson conducted a compliance check and the hunter handed over a valid firearm tag and a hunter safety education card. When asked if he had a hunting license, the hunter referred to the safety education card saying that was his license. CPO Anderson educated the hunter on the hunting licensing laws and issued a written warning.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**
CPO G. Anderson issued a hunter a written warning for not having a deer tagged properly.

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

**MCLEAN COUNTY**
While on patrol during the 1st Illinois Statewide Firearm Deer Season, CPOT Thompson and CPO Graden investigated unlawful deer hunting in McLean County. During the investigation, two adult male hunters were located firearm deer hunting by use/aid of bait. One hunter killed a buck, during the morning hunt, filled his only available firearm deer permit, and continued his hunt in the afternoon without a valid firearm deer permit. Collectively, the hunters were cited for: Unlawfully Firearm Deer Hunting by Use/Aid of Bait, Unlawfully Firearm Deer Hunting without a Valid Permit, and Unlawful Take of a Whitetail Deer by Use/Aid of Bait. One hunter was issued a written warning for not having a habitat stamp. The second hunter was issued a written warning for making food/mineral available to whitetail deer.

CPOs Ausmus, Viverito, and Thompson investigated a baited deer property. The investigation revealed the landowner had killed a doe over bait during archery season and was caught hunting over bait during firearm deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

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<td>CPO Ray arrest subject hunting St. Clair county for unlawful take spike buck, unlawful use of Jackson county permit and hunt by aid and use of bait in 2020. Subject was arrested for unlawful taking a buck and hunting by aid and use of bait in 2019. Multiple citations were issued for hunting in field with unplugged shotguns, blaze orange violations and uncased crossbow in a vehicle. CPO Gerdes and CPO T Binsbacher assisted a first time bow hunter with tracking a buck he shot on the Kaskaskia State Fish and Wildlife Area near New Athens. The hunter appreciated the help and learned a good deal about deer recovery and the role game wardens play in the conservation of our natural resources.</td>
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WASHINGTON COUNTY
CPO Gerdes and CPOT Binsbacher worked the first firearm deer season. While on patrol the CPOs located a hunter who had harvested two deer using his wife’s tags. The violations were addressed and the man admitted to using his wife’s permits. The man was issued 2 citations.

District 14 – Sgt. Marc Folden
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Perry, Saline & White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY
CPO Lewis cited a firearm turkey hunter for taking a turkey in a restricted area of Wayne Fitzgerald SRA.

CPO Williams investigate a complaint of two hunters using a side by side to hunt deer from in rural Franklin County. The subjects and side by side were located and the subjects cited for hunting with the use/aid of a conveyance and transporting loaded uncased shotguns.

GALLATIN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY
CPO Williams cited a hunter for hunting over bait.

CPO Williams encountered a firearm deer hunter who had their FOID card revoked, the firearm was seized and the subject issued a Notice to Appear in Hamilton County Court.

CPOT Farrell and CPO Skelton patrolled Hamilton County during the firearm deer season. During this time CPO’s wrote several citations to include: Uncased guns, and Hunting with permits issued for counties other than Hamilton, and possession of a rifle during firearm deer season.

HARDIN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CPO Williams cited two hunters opening day of waterfowl season for not being present at the Waterfowl draw and hunting an unassigned stake.

CPOs Haggerty and Williams cited three hunters for early entry into the Big Muddy Sub impoundment on opening day of Waterfowl Season.

CPO Williams cited an archery deer hunter for unlawful transportation of a crossbow near the Rend Lake WMA.

CPO Ralph Sievers responded to Jefferson County at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department request. A vehicle has been stopped for suspicious activity. The two subjects in the vehicle were issued citations for uncased firearms and failure to tag deer. They were also issued two written warnings for dumping deer carcasses in a waterway and butchering deer before the harvest were reported. The subjects cleaned the deer out of the creek.
PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated two personal injury hunting accidents in Perry County. Both incidents were a result of falling out of a treestand. The first hunter suffered multiple broken bones after falling 18’ from a ladder stand. He fell while he was securing a safety harness to the tree. He had to be transported by helicopter to a St. Louis hospital. Fortunately, the second hunter only sustained minor injuries. He fell while climbing down from his hang-on stand. He was carrying his bow over one arm, and his shirt on his other arm got caught on a climbing stick. He fell approximately 15’.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Knop with the assistance of Sgt. Folden investigated two Non-resident hunters leading to: 2 citations for unlawful use of spotlight from vehicle, 2 citations for uncased loaded rifle in vehicle, 2 citations for Falsification of permits, 1 citation for hunting without valid deer permits, Seizure of .308 rifle.

WHITE COUNTY

CPOT Waigand and CPO Haggerty while patrolling White County, observed a hunter in a treestand wearing blaze orange. As we approached, we observed 2 deer along the road with tags attached. During the check, 2 more hunters emerged from the woods. Two more deer were located, one of which was untagged. During the check, one of the tagged deer appeared to be freshly kill with a shotgun, but was tagged with an archery antlerless only deer permit. After receiving information from the subject, he admitted to reporting a harvest with his archery antlerless only permit, but had not yet harvested a deer. He also admitted to harvesting 2 deer on Tuesday, but did not report them until Thursday. The subject was issued citations for falsifying a harvest report record, unlawful using an archery permit to tag a firearm deer harvest, failure to tag immediately upon kill and written warnings for failure to report harvest of buck by 10:00 PM day of harvest and failure to report harvest of buck without antlers by 10:00 PM day of harvest.

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Hyatt received a call from a gentleman from Florida. He believed firearm season started on Thursday. He shot a nice buck that morning with a shotgun. CPO Hyatt issued one citation for unlawfully harvesting a whitetail with a shotgun outside of season and confiscated his buck. CPO Hyatt only wrote him the one ticket because he had self-reported and turned himself in. All meat from the buck was donated.

CPO Smith observed a vehicle exiting a wooded area in a vehicle during gun firearm season. CPO Smith drove to the vehicle, exited, and walked to the driver. CPO Smith inquired about any luck killing a deer. The hunter said no. CPO Smith asked where his firearm was located. The driver motioned to the passenger area and pointed under some clothing. CPO Smith walked over to the passenger door and located he firearm. The firearm was a Ruger 308 rifle. CPO Smith asked why he was using the firearm to hunt deer with. The driver said his shotgun wasn't shooting right so he decided to use this rifle. CPO Smith issued 3 citations for wildlife code violations and 1 written warning. The rifle was seized and placed into evidence.

CPO Smith observed a passenger car sitting at the edge of a treeline during 1st firearm season. CPO Smith approached the vehicle and did not observe anyone around. The registered driver only had archery permits. CPO Smith backed away from the car and spoke with a person who approached him in a truck. The individual in the truck said his grandson was the one hunting.

CPO Smith inquired about what he was hunting. At this time CPO Smith observed a person walking from the area if the car. CPO Smith approached that person and asked what he was doing. The person said he was changing clothes because he got wet. CPO Smith inquired as to where he was hunting, and with what. The person said he left a shotgun on the
CPO Smith transported the person back to the area where he left the shotgun. The person was hunting deer without a permit, without orange, and transported the firearm illegally. CPO Smith issued 4 citations and 1 written warning for wildlife code violations.

CPO Smith observed a vehicle with two people standing to the bed of the truck. As CPO Smith approached, he observed a deer in the bed without a leg tag attached. CPO Smith advised it needed to be tagged immediately upon kill. CPO Smith issued a citation to the person responsible.

CPO Smith and CPOT Vik observed a truck near a road with two hunters in orange near it. The two hunters were trying to field dress a deer. Upon inspection of the two firearm that were located in the cab of the truck, the CPO Smith found an unplugged gun and CPOT Vik found a loaded gun. Two citations were issued.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Hyatt wrote a warning to an individual for not having his permits on his person and not wearing a blaze orange hat.

CPO Taylor and CPO Willand checked 3 hunters on opening of firearm deer season that were hunting over bait and one hunter fraudulently applied for landowner permits the 3 hunters were issued multiple tickets and several racks were seized.

During the summer of 2020 CPO Willand was made aware of possible deer baiting taking place on a property in Crawford County. Upon further investigation it was discovered the individual baiting the property falsified an application in order to draw land owner permits. It was also discovered several deer had unlawfully been harvested and tagged with the illegal permits, as well as possible tag swapping taking place. CPO Willand and Taylor made contact with the individual along with his son and father in law. All individuals were hunting over bait on the property. After an investigation one 4 point buck, one 8 point buck and one 10 point buck were seized. A shotgun was also seized. In total 11 citations and 4 warnings were issued.

CPO Willand received an anonymous tip of an individual who killed a 12 point buck earlier in the week and used his sister’s tag. The buck was currently at a local taxidermist. Upon further investigation it was clear the tip was valid. CPO Willand seized the 12 point buck from the buck from the taxidermist. CPO Willand then located and interviewed the suspect. It was discovered the suspect did unlawfully take the 12 point buck and unlawfully use another’s permit. Two citations and two warnings were issued.

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPOT Farrell and CPO Skelton patrolled Edwards county during the firearm deer season. During this time CPO’s wrote several citations to include; Hunting over bait, Feeding wildlife, and uncased firearms. CPO’s also issued warnings for not wearing orange, or having their deer permits on them in the field.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper and CPO Willand worked the South Central Zone Waterfowl opener at Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area. CPO Roper and CPO Willand conducted a hunting compliance check on a group of hunters who were observed to be hunting too close to another uniting party. CPO’s learned the hunters had failed to maintain separate bags of their harvested ducks, one hunter possessed an unplugged shotgun, one hunter had more than the 25 shotshell limit. Two of the hunters were issued citations for failure to maintain separate bags, and the third hunter was issued a citation for the unplugged shotgun. CPO’s issued four written warnings to the group for the remaining violations. CPO Roper and CPO Willand conducted a hunter compliance check on a group of four hunters hunting within 200 yards of another hunting group. CPO’s issued citations to the four individuals for hunting within the mandatory minimum 200 yard limit.
CPO Roper, CPO Swindle and CPOT Zigler were conducting Firearm deer season patrol in Fayette County when they made entry to a known baited deer hunting area. CPO’s made contact with two hunters sitting in a box blind who were not wearing the required orange. Another hunter was found in a second stand which was also baited. CPO’s conducted hunter compliance checks on the hunters. One hunter was found to have no valid hunting license or habitat stamp. The two other hunters were found to not have any licenses or deer permits in possession. One individual was issued citations for unlawful feeding of whitetail deer, hunting over bait, and no required orange. The same individual was issued written warnings for no valid hunting license and no valid habitat stamp. The second hunter was issued citations for hunting over bait and no orange, and issued written warnings for no hunting license and deer permits in possession. The third hunter was issued a citation for hunting over bait, and written warnings for no valid hunting license and deer permits in possession.

JASPER COUNTY
CPO Hyatt caught an individual hunting in the restricted area in Sam Parr. CPO Hyatt was informed of the treestands in the restricted area a week prior by the site superintendent. While on patrol CPO Hyatt observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road near where the treestands were. Upon further investigation a hunter was discovered in one of the stands and told he could not be hunting there. He was issued one citation for hunting in a restricted area and one warning for not having his stands marked with his name, address and phone number.

CPO Hyatt caught up with an individual he was looking into for a long time on possible falsification. The subject in question was receiving and using landowner permits when he could not be doing so. On his application he was marking he permanently resided with mom and dad. However, he admitted through interview he was not living with mom and dad, and was living in Charleston, Illinois. He killed a buck that morning as well. The buck was seized and he was issued 3 citations for falsification/misrepresentation to receive permits, unlawful take of whitetail without valid permit, and no hunting license. He received a warning for no hunting license in 2019 and before. The subject believed he did not need a hunting license ever because he was hunting on his parents’ land. All meat from the buck was donated.

CPO Hyatt received a call about someone who shot two deer in one shot on Sunday night. Upon further investigation it was discovered the person only had one valid permit. CPO Hyatt never received any call from the hunter and could not find any record of either deer. The next day the buck was called in but there was still no evidence of a doe ever checked in. CPO Hyatt went to interview the hunter, but he was not home. CPO Hyatt called the hunter and he said “I know why you’re calling. Those two deer I shot on Sunday night. I only had one tag so I had my grandpa tag the doe. “ I informed the hunter he could not do that. He was issued one citation for unlawful possession of a whitetail and the deer meat was seized. All meat was donated.

CPO Taylor observed a vehicle driving down a road and pulled into a field drive. CPO Taylor pulled in behind the subject and found that in the truck the hunter’s shotgun was in a case and loaded with 3 slugs Citation was issued

LAWRENCE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

MARION COUNTY
CPO Smith checked a group of deer hunters and found a shotgun that was unplugged. CPO Smith issued a citation for the offense.

CPO Roper and CPOT Zigler observed a vehicle traveling through Marion County failing to maintain lanes, and creating an unsafe condition. CPO Roper and CPOT Zigler initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle CPO Roper and CPOT Zigler observed open alcohol in the vehicle, and the driver appeared to be intoxicated. CPO’s conducted Field Sobriety tests and subsequently arrested the individual for DUI. The driver was arrested and transported to Marion County Jail.
CPO Roper and CPOT Zigler were on firearm deer patrol in Marion County when they observed a hunter exiting the field in orange. CPO’s initiated a hunter compliance check and learned the individual had just shot at a buck whitetail deer. The hunter was found to have no valid licenses or permits, and the firearm was located in the front seat of the hunter’s vehicle in no case. CPO’s issued the individual a citation for unlawful take of whitetail deer, and hunting whitetail deer with no valid permit. The hunter was also issued written warnings for uncased firearm, no valid hunting license, no valid habitat stamp, and no valid FOID.

CPO Roper, Sergeant Buhnerkempe and CPOT Zigler were on Firearm Deer patrol in Marion County when they located an individual exiting the field wearing orange, and carrying a shotgun. CPO’s initiated a hunter compliance check and learned the individual’s hunting privileges were suspended for convictions of prior hunting violations. CPO’s issued the individual citations for hunting while privileges suspended, hunting with no valid hunting license, no valid deer permit, and no valid habitat stamp. The individual was issued a written warning for improper blaze orange hat.

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

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

**WAYNE COUNTY**
CPO Smith and CPOT Vik observed a truck sitting near a tree line. There were several people wearing orange. CPO Smith drove to the area and stopped in front of the truck. CPO Smith observed a pile of shelled corn while enroute. CPO Smith inquired about the corn with the driver of the truck. The driver eventually said he placed it there to feed deer. Upon further examination of the site, CPO Smith observed a hidden blind within the treeline. Upon further questioning, it was determined the person also hunted over the corn the previous morning, and hunted outside of the prescribed county. CPO Smith issued 1 citation and 2 warnings.

C POT Farrell and CPO Skelton investigated a deer that had been taken without being tagged. The subject was found and issued appropriate citations.

CPOT Farrell and CPO Skelton patrolled Wayne county during the firearm deer season. During this time CPO’s wrote several citations to include: Uncased guns, and Hunting with permits issued for counties other than Wayne.

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**
CPO Spinka checked multiple duck hunters on the Cash river and on private property. Made contact with several groups and checked for compliance and did not observe any violations.

**JACKSON COUNTY**
CPO Somers cited a non-resident for falsification of residency and the unlawful take of 5 deer.

CPO Tapley assisted the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department in a body recovery on a private pond. The male subject was on his boat when it capsized and then drowned. The body was recovered

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for failure to immediately tag his deer upon kill.

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm on an ATV.
JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited a Georgia man for hunting deer over bait.

CPO Teas and CPOT Engledow cited a subject in Johnson County for riding a UTV on State Property.

CPO Teas and CPOT Engledow located a UTV with three hunters driving through a field after dark in Johnson County. A compliance check was conducted and it was discovered one of the subjects had killed a buck despite only having a non-resident antlerless only permit. The subject received two citations and the deer was seized. The seized deer was later donated.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual for illegally harvesting a 12 point deer with a shotgun during archery only season. The man stated that he was worried the deer would be taken by gun hunters in the coming season so he used his gun early.

CPO Wilkinson also responded to a complaint of hunters dragging a deer across a field shortly after gun shots were heard. A firearm was not involved, but CPO Wilkinson and CPO Teas did determine an individual shot a deer without a license or permits. Enforcement action was taken.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited 2 individuals for hunting deer over bait. CPO Wolf cited an individual for failing to immediately attach tag to his deer.

CPO Wilkinson made contact with a group of hunters that he determined were hunting by the use and aid of bait. CPO Wilkinson observed a hunter in the group harvest a deer. After the deer was hung up at their lodge, CPO Wilkinson and Wolf approached the group. The group was all issued citations for unlawful use of bait and the hunter who failed to tag his deer was issued a warning for failing to tag his deer immediately upon harvest.

CPO Wilkinson completed an investigation he had been conducting regarding a non-resident. The non-resident unlawfully harvested an additional buck after he had already killed a buck the day before. Someone else's permit was then used to report the harvest. Enforcement action was taken for all of the violations.

CPO Wilkinson observed a vehicle shining a spot light into fields, searching for deer. CPO Wilkinson conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and it was determined that the individuals were looking for big bucks. A citation was issued to the passenger of the vehicle for unlawful use of a light from a vehicle to view deer.

CPO Wilkinson responded to a complaint of a buck shot out of a field with a firearm during the archery season. CPO Wilkinson was able to make a stop on a vehicle matching the description of the truck seen loading the buck up. It was determined the buck was shot with a pistol on private property the individuals did not have permission to be on. Citations were issued for unlawful take of whitetail buck and unlawful use of firearm during archery season to harvest buck. The buck was seized.

CPO Wilkinson issued in total of the firearm deer season (10 citations, 5 written warnings, and seized one rifle). 7 citations were issued for unlawfully deer hunting by use/aid of corn (corn feeders), 1 citation was issued for unlawful possession of rifle during firearm deer season (.270 rifle was seized), 1 citation was issued for failure to wear blaze orange, 1 citation was issued for uncased firearm on ATV, and 5 written warnings were issued for various permit violations and no blaze orange.

CPO Wilkinson responded to a complaint of a rifle shot deer. The investigation determined two bucks had illegally been shot. A shotgun and a rifle were sized as well as an eight point buck and a 5 point buck. Citations were issued for hunting without a license, habitat stamp, hunting with no valid permits, and unlawful use of firearm to harvest deer during the closed season. The individual was given a mandatory court appearance and must appear.
PULASKI COUNTY

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

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek located and cited 4 nonresident archery deer hunters who were unlawfully hunting on a closed portion (waterfowl refuge) of Union County refuge.

CPO Vasicek assisted Illinois State Police with a manhunt of a suspect wanted on multiple warrants. The Chicago area man was involved in a high speed pursuit with Pulaski County Sheriff’s department. The suspect crashed into another motorist on Interstate 57 near Anna, IL. After several hours of searching that morning the detail was terminated. That afternoon the suspect was spotted a few miles east of the crash scene. CPO Vasicek received information from an archery deer hunter that a man matching the description had passed through his property. CPO Vasicek met with an ISP Sergeant and the two officers gained visual on the suspect. Upon approach the subject fled. Vasicek chased the subject on foot and took him into custody.

CPO Vasicek located 4 untagged deer hanging in a tree on a rural Union County property. After several hours the hunters returned and multiple violations were discovered/ cited. These included: untagged deer, no permits, failure to check-in, harvesting over limit of bucks, hunting county not listed on permit, uncased loaded crossbow on conveyance.

CPO Vasicek located 4 subjects unlawfully hunting on an IDNR Nature Preserve. Multiple violations were discovered/ cited. These included: no blaze orange (4), hunting with the aid of bait (corn & mineral), no firearm deer permits, hunting with buckshot, unlawful take- possession of deer.

CPO Teas cited a hunter in Union County for failing to tag or check his deer in. The hunter killed a doe and butchered it but never tagged it or reported the harvest. The hunter was issued two citations and the deer was seized along with his permit. The seized deer was later donated.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson arrested a felon, in Williamson County, for taking deer with a 7.62 Mosin Nagant rifle. The felon illegally took a small buck, around 3 am, from a truck. He was cited with unlawful take, unlawful use of rifle, Unlawful use of rifle to take buck, hunting more than ½ hour after sunset, no valid permit, transporting uncased gun, unlawful use of weapons, and unlawful possession of ammunition by felon.

CPO Johnson cited a subject, in Williamson County, for unlawfully taking 3 antlered deer during the opening day of shotgun season. He was issued 9 citations.