



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

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(Weeks of May 27- June 11, 2020)

*This report represents some events the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the OLE.*

## Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

### **District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis**

**(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)**

#### CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Peecher has written 9 WW for fishing and boating violations and 1 Citation for Environmental crimes; CPO Peecher also responded to one deceased bald eagle call

#### HENRY COUNTY

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

#### JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Beltran arrested a 61-Year-old Cascade Iowa man for operating under the influence of alcohol on the Mississippi River in Pool 12

CPO Hoftender and CPO Beltran arrested a Dubuque man for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was .156.

CPO Hoftender and CPO Beltran cited a Dubuque woman for passenger location on the Mississippi River. The passenger was urinating off the back of a pontoon boat in the main channel of the river while the boat was under way.

#### LEE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### MERCER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### OGLE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPO Peecher patrolled the Mississippi River. Several inspections were completed with various watercrafts. A Port Byron, IL operator was issued a citation for failing to have a 2-year-old passenger wearing a life jacket while under way.

CPO's Francisko and Posateri made an emergency response to Empire Park in East Moline IL for a reported boat accident on Mississippi River pool #15. The CPO's launched a boat once on scene. The kayakers in distress had already been removed from the water by the East Moline IL Fire Dept. The kayak itself however was stuck against the Campbell's Island bridge concrete pier / support, about 1 foot under the water's surface. The rivers current was a fast and strong. Enormous pressure was being exerted on the kayak making it very difficult for the CPO's to recover. After repeated attempts the CPO's were able to dislodge the kayak, recover it and all personal property belonging to the subject who owned the kayak. During the course of the investigation illegally obtained / possessed marijuana was discovered onboard the kayak. The subject however was not showing any signs of impairment. The man was cited for the possession of marijuana violation and released. Since no injuries occurred and the kayak was recovered, it was not considered a reportable boat accident.

CPO K. Williams handled a single vessel boat accident on pool 16 of the Mississippi River. The operator was traveling up river when she hit the wake of a larger vessel headed down river. The operator lost control due to the wake and crashed into a piling of the I-280 bridge. The operator had minor injuries. The vessel was recovered and removed from the river by the operator.

CPO K. Williams received a complaint of a nuisance wildlife trapper having his traps tampered with while performing a removal service for a customer. The neighbor of the customer was interviewed and admitted to tampering with the traps. A single citation was issued.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Peecher has written 1 WW for fishing without a license; 2 WW for boating violations; 1 citation for operation of PWC without safety certificate.

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

**(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry and CPO Leannah were working at Shabbona Lake and issued multiple citations to individuals operating a boat with a motor larger than the 9.9hp limit. Citations were also issued throughout the day for Personal Flotation Device violations, and fishing in restricted area.

LASALLE COUNTY

In the span of 3 hours CPO Kaufman responded to 2 medical calls at Starved Rock State Park. The first was a juvenile male who slipped while wading in water and hit his head on the sandstone. The other was a 28 year old female who tripped on a tree root on the trails and broke her ankle. Both individuals were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

CPO Kaufman was conducting fishing compliance checks on the Illinois River in the Starved Rock Pool. He found 2 different fishermen with several short smallmouth bass. Both were well over their possession limits too. Both fishermen received several citations and a mandatory court date.

While checking fishermen at LaSalle Lake CPO Kaufman located a man without a fishing license. CPO Kaufman determined the fisherman had an active warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody and transported to a local police department. At the police department he posted bond and was released.

CPO Workman responded to a call regarding an individual falling at Matthiessen State Park. CPO Workman located the individual who reported the fall and had him escort Oglesby EMTs and CPO Workman to the location of the injured subject. The injured subject fell on a water fall near Cedar Point in the Matthiessen Dells Area. CPO Kiprono, CPO Murry, CPO Workman, Oglesby EMT, and Oglesby Fire carried the individual up 2 waterfalls and out of the park. The injured subject was transported to IVCH. The 5 subjects who were with him were cited for unlawful entry into a restricted area.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted fishing and boating law compliance checks at Banner Marsh and Rice Lake SFWA, during the patrol, CPO Thompson conducted a probable cause search of a vehicle and located a small amount of cannabis, a pipe and open alcohol. Two citations and a warning were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott responded to a complaint of a truck located stuck in the mud in the park. Upon identifying the owner, CPOs received a confession to the unlawful operation of the vehicle off the roadway, littering and entering into a closed area of the park. Several citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson observed a trio of kayakers who had been fishing at Rice Lake SFWA and conducted a compliance check. During the check, CPO Thompson located a controlled substance on the kayak and identified boating violations. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Elliott and Lazzell responded to complaint of fisherman wearing exposed pistols at Banner Marsh. This complaint was unfounded. However, the CPOs completed several boat safety inspections and fisherman compliance checks at Banner resulting in a Citation for No Fishing License and Written Warnings for related fish and boat equipment violations.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Elliott assisted Henderson County Sheriff's Department with Burglary investigation on Thompson Island, Mississippi River. Investigation is pending.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott has increased patrols at Spring Lake after receiving several complaints of subjects operating motorized watercrafts and violating the lake's "No Wake" regulation.

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn interviewed a commercial fisherman who was believed to be unlawfully fishing in Missouri. After the interview the fisherman admitted to dead setting nets and fishing in a restricted area off the Mississippi river in Missouri. The fisherman received two citations and was given a mandatory court date in Missouri.

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 received a call of an injured coyote pup at Six Flags Great America. The pup was located and transported to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation for treatment. While still in critical condition, the treatment has seemed to help the animal.

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg stopped a watercraft for a safety inspection on East Loon Lake in Antioch. The operator was found to be operating under the influence of alcohol. Several boating violations were also observed, along with two passengers possessing Cannabis paraphernalia. 2 citations, 2 civil law citations and 3 written warnings were issued.

CPOs Davis and Semenik responded to a boat accident on Lake Marie. The boat took water over the bow at 30-40 mph and the four occupants were ejected. There were no injuries, but further investigation is pending.

CPO Iaffaldano and SGT Schreiber arrested a boater on Nippersink Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and a written warning for passenger location and insufficient PFD's.

SGT Schreiber stopped a motorist speeding through the Chain O' Lakes State Park and the driver was found to be revoked and driving without insurance.

MCHENRY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson and Sgt. Wollgast were called on multiple sittings of wild hogs in western Grundy County. The callers had photographs and other evidence of the hogs. With the help of the Grundy County Sheriff's Department 5 hogs were removed from the area. It was determined all the hogs were domestic releases and there was no threat of a wild hog population moving into or establishing in the area. Everyone is reminded it is against State and County Laws to release hogs into the wild. The usable meat from several of the hogs is being donated to local food pantries and an investigation is ongoing.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO's Farber and Elliot patrolled the Kankakee River from the Indiana State Line to Momence, IL. CPOs discovered two boats with children under 13 not wearing life preservers while underway. CPO's also discovered a watercraft that had not been registered since 1997.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Bergland and Sgt. Wollgast were on boat patrol on the Kankakee River and stopped a boat for passengers sitting on the sun deck and towing a skier without the required orange flag. The boat, which contained 10 occupants only had one life jacket onboard. The operator was under the influence of alcohol and arrested. The boat was driven to the launch by a sober occupant and made had to pick up and show the correct number of life jackets before returning to the water. The driver was transported to the Channahon Police Department, processed and released on bond. Multiple citations were issued.

While checking boaters on a river in western Will County, CPO Prasun observed two young adults actively spray painting graffiti on a township owned bridge. Contact was made with the township supervisor who wanted the two people charged with the crime. CPO Prasun processed the two people on the charge of Criminal Defacement of Property and released them on scene with a mandatory court date.

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

COOK COUNTY

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

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

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

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

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta had just finished conducting a boat safety inspection where the operator who was accompanied by his two children -both of whom were under the age of 13 and wearing their PFDs- had no violations. CPO Kusta then observed two kayakers paddling by. CPO Kusta called out to both and asked, "do you have lifejackets?", both kayakers said "no". CPO Kusta had the kayakers return to the boat launch so the violation can be addressed.

Once back at the boat launch; CPO Kusta asked if they looked up the laws regarding the watercraft they were operating, both said "no". CPO Kusta advised them they are required to have a PFD on board while underway. CPO Kusta advised both it was significant safety issue, and both will be receiving citations. One of the kayakers began to come up with many excuses as to why he didn't know or why he shouldn't be cited. After listening to the multitude of excuses, CPO Kusta advised him that he would still be receiving a citation. For this reason, he called CPO Kusta an insulting term for a male phallus.

One of the excuses the kayaker used was there were no signs that told him that law existed. CPO Kusta advised him ignorance of the law is not an excuse, but also showed him the sign that stated a personal floatation device is required. The kayaker grew angry as he did not approve of the placement of the sign at the boat launch. He began to tell CPO Kusta that he did not put his kayak in the water were the sign was located.

CPO Kusta took enforcement action and issued the citations. CPO Kusta advised them of the court date if they were to contest the citation. After we parted ways, CPO Kusta heard the displeased kayaker shout, "I hope you drown". CPO Kusta knew that wasn't going to happen because he always wears his PFD.

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

CPO Kusta was conducting sport fish enforcement at a northern Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta observed 3 young fishermen fishing off a dock. CPO Kusta requested all 3 fishermen's Illinois fishing license, none of the young fishermen realized they needed a license to fish. CPO Kusta educated all 3 fishermen and advised them where to obtain a valid Illinois fishing license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson**

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

**ADAMS COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**BROWN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**CALHOUN COUNTY**

CPO's Gushleff and Jansen conducted a boat patrol on the IL River. The river was slightly flooded, and it deterred recreational boating. The CPO's checked several boats who were out on the river. A citation for fishing with no license was issued, as well as several written warnings for boating violations.

**GREENE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

CPO Wheatley assisted Hamilton PD with locating and arresting a subject involved in a physical domestic violence call for service. CPO Wheatley knew the man and knew where he usually fished at in relation to the last place he was seen by the complainant. CPO Wheatley and Hamilton Police made contact with the man and were able to take him into custody without incident. CPO Wheatley also cited the man for Fishing without a Fishing License.

**JERSEY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**

CPO Gushleff was driving westbound on Route 16 in the Gillespie area, when a vehicle passed the marked squad at a high rate of speed. CPO Gushleff locked the radar unit on the vehicle that got up to 82 MPH in a 55MPH zone. CPO Gushleff activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle. CPO Gushleff asked the driver if there was any reason why he would speed by a police vehicle, and the subject said he was coming back from Chicago and in a hurry. A speeding citation was issued to the subject, and he was advised to slow down and drive safely.

**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 observed four teenagers fishing at Drake Lake, one of whom was not in possession of their fishing license. The individual provided CPO Wahlbrink with a name, address, and date of birth. No match was found in the online database. CPO Wahlbrink interviewed the individual again who then admitted to providing false information. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wright and Wahlbrink worked the Illinois river looking for commercial fishing devices. All nets were found to be in compliance.

**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**

Nothing to report for this county

**MORGAN COUNTY**

CPOs Wichern and Wahlbrink performed watercraft safety inspections and fishing compliance checks while patrolling Jacksonville Lake. One group of fishermen competing in the weekly bass tournament were cited for fishing without a license and not having a working fire extinguisher on board their watercraft. A bank fisherman was also cited for fishing without a license.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPO Wright along with CPO Thornley and CPO Snodgrass assisted Springfield Fire by locating a drowning victim using sonar in a CWLP pond outside of Rochester.

CPO Wright and CPO Thornley are working a bank pole case on the Sangamon River where the subject has not tagged his poles and failed to check every 24hrs.

CPO Thornley assisted ISP with a fatal crash in rural Sangamon County. CPO Thornley assisted Springfield Fire Department with a drowning.

**SCOTT COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

**CLARK COUNTY**

CPO Wellum made two traffic stops in Lincoln Trail State Park. Both drivers were issued written warnings for speeding.

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with a car fire in Marshall. The owner of the vehicle had recently arrived home from work when a neighbor called a car on fire. Upon arrival CPO Wellum and the Marshall Police Department found the vehicle to be completely engulfed in fire. The Fire Department was called and the fire was extinguished.

CPO Wellum stopped a timber truck in Clark County. A timber inspection was completed with no violations found. A timber inspection form was completed.

CPO Wellum assisted the Clark County Sheriff's Office with a felon who fled into a wooded area in rural Clark County. Subject was not located but was identified by deputies.

**COLES COUNTY**

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Coles County resident in Coles County. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

CPO Hyatt patrolled Fox Ridge State Park as well as Lake Charleston, Lake Paradise, and Lake Mattoon.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

CPO Hyatt patrolled Walnut Point State Park and the lake.

**EDGAR COUNTY**

CPO Hyatt patrolled Twin Lakes and several waterways for fisherman.

**MOULTRIE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**SHELBY COUNTY**

CPO Barnes patrolled lake Shelbyville for boating and fishing violations and issued several written warnings.

CPO Hyatt did boat patrols on Lake Shelbyville and patrol Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Moody cited a Shelbyville man on Lake Shelbyville for OUI as well as other violations after he struck another boat that was loading at the boat ramp. The man blew a .197

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**DEWITT COUNTY**

While conducting boat patrol on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden arrested a 41-year-old male, from Bloomington, IL, for Unlawful Operation of a Watercraft Under the Influence of Alcohol. The operator was accompanied onboard the vessel by (3) adults and (5) juveniles. He submitted to breath alcohol testing which determined his blood alcohol concentration was .094%.

CPO Graden, along with other District 19 CPOs, assisted multiple state and local police agencies, in Champaign and Decatur, during periods of civil unrest.

CPO Graden conducted recreational boat patrols on Clinton Lake. Several written warnings were issued for various boat safety equipment violations. Multiple citations were issued for life vest and registration violations.

CPO G. Anderson responded to a medical emergency at the Clinton Lake West Side Boat Access. When CPO Anderson arrived, EMS was already on scene rendering aid to an elderly female. The elderly female suffered a severe leg injury and was transported safely to the hospital for further care.

While conducting boat patrol, on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden and CPO Reeves responded to a medical call at the Mascoutin SRA Boat Dock. Upon arrival, an adult female was found unresponsive laying on the deck of a boat. She was being tended to by her family. CPO Graden rendered care until EMS arrived. During the incident, the patient regained consciousness; however, she was incoherent. The cause of her medical issue is unknown. The patient was transferred from the scene to John Warner Hospital by DeWitt County EMS.

CPO Ausmus captured an injured great horned owl in Clinton. The property owners discovered the owl in their pool and were able to get it out but the owl didn't fly away. CPO Ausmus with help from a neighbor was able to capture the owl and transport it to the Raptor Center to be rehabilitated.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt Williamson followed up on a tip of a captive fox. The fox was located and seized. The subject claimed the fox was found and injured; the Clinton man was cited for Unlawful Take of a protected species.

**FORD COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MACON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson assisted the Vermilion County Sheriff's Office on a DUI crash that damaged state property. The crash happened at Kickapoo State Park and involved a road closed gate being destroyed. The driver was arrested for DUI and Criminal Damage to State Property.

CPO G. Anderson is currently investigating an abandoned boat located at Lake Vermilion.

**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 on a boat patrol on Carlyle Lake, a jon boat with five people on board was moving at a high rate of speed in a no wake area. A boat stop was initiated and after further inspection it was discovered the operator did not have enough life jackets on board for his passengers. A citation was issued and a warning was given for the no wake speed

MADISON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Roper was on patrol at Coffeen Lake with CPO Lentz when he observed two individuals fishing from the main boat launch. CPO Roper initiated a fishing compliance check on the individuals. CPO Roper determined one of the individuals was in possession of two short bass. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation.

CPO Gushleff and CPO Lentz conducted a boat patrol of Lou Yaeger Lake in Litchfield. After stopping numerous boats for Safety Inspections, 3 citations and 3 written warnings were issued for various boating infractions.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ray is investigating hit and run damage to state property at World Shooting and Recreational Complex

CPO Ralph Sievers was stopped by a camper who was camping at the Randolph State Recreational Area. The camper stated that he had pulled off a male who was hitting a female in the face in the campsite next to his. The camper left his site. When he returned the other campsite was empty and his generator was stolen. The investigation is pending.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested multiple subjects for fishing, boating and park violations in Peabody River King and Baldwin Lake

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Ray found subject responsible for hit and run damage to state property with a vehicle at Washington County Recreational Area. Subject hit a guard rail along the dam leaving pieces of vehicle at the scene. CPO Ray discovered the make and color of vehicle from the accident. He found the vehicle less than 2 miles from the park in a residential driveway. Subject was arrested for driving too fast for conditions, failure to report accident and damage to state property.

**District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Folden, Williams and Sgt Taylor, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Franklin County EMA Dive Team responded to and recovered a fishing boat which sunk on Rend Lake. It was determined the 14' boat had been overloaded with three passengers and fishing gear. No one was injured in the incident.

CPO Williams assisted CPO Knop with a personal injury accident involving a personal watercraft and a fishing boat on Rend Lake.

CPO Knop and CPO Williamson responded to a boat accident occurring on Rend Lake between a PWC and a Bass boat.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty and CPO Knop conducted a commercial fishing detail on the Wabash River. Several commercial fishing hoop nets were located and inspected. Three hoop nets were found to have no 2020 device tags. The owner of the nets was identified and issued a citation for unlawful use of a hoop net without a commercial fishing device tag.

Returning to his squad by boat on the Ohio river, CPO Knop noticed multiple empty beer cans scattered along the boat ramp. Walking up to a van parked nearby CPO Knop observed the driver and passenger of the van with cans matching those littered. Citations were issued for pollution of a waterway.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden received information of an Oklahoma man illegally operating a passenger for hire service to take fishermen onto Rend Lake for the purpose of crappie fishing. CPO Folden located the man, interviewed his clients, and determined he did receive money for the purpose of taking the clients onto Rend Lake by boat. The Oklahoma man was issued a citation for failure to have a livery license as required to provide such services.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson has conducted several fishing compliance checks and watercraft safety inspections. Two written warnings have been issued. CPO Wilkinson also conducted a timber truck inspection and completed a 3-month deer hunting investigation with the assistance of Iowa Department of Conservation. CPO Wilkinson charged a non-resident

for falsifying residency on permit applications for the past 4 years to obtain Illinois resident permits, unlawfully hunting without a non-resident hunting license, utilizing invalid permits, and unlawfully harvesting two whitetail bucks. 8 citations and 8 written warnings were issued.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Knop and CPO Haggerty seized multiple nets on the Wabash river for commercial fishing violations.

**District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Andrew Hyatt investigated a possible fish kill in Browns, IL. The fish biologist was brought in to examine the suspected kill. It was concluded to be natural causes.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper assisted Fayette County Sheriff's office with a search warrant of a residence. While searching the property CPO Roper observed 2 raccoons in a cage, and a deer skull with antlers. CPO Roper determined the deer skull had no legal harvest record or salvage tag for it, and was being possessed unlawfully. CPO Roper also determined the raccoons came from the wild and were being kept unlawfully. CPO Roper seized the item, and the individual was issued a citation and written warning.

CPO Roper was on patrol at the Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area when he observed two individuals bowfishing. CPO Roper initiated a fishing/boat compliance check. It was determined the owner of the boat had failed to apply for registration on the boat, and had no sounding device or fire extinguisher onboard. CPO Roper issued the boat owner three written warnings.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Andrew Hyatt trained on the air boat on Newton Lake. Learning how to operate in low and high water.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Taylor worked the Wabash River, assisting a boater by helping he and his wife get their boat back to their launch site after their motor failed and would not start.

While Patrolling the Wabash River CPO Taylor and CPO Skelton observed a boat with two occupants floating down river. The female occupant was waving her arms to get our attention. When we pulled alongside, they stated t Oheir motor

had broken down. We had them put life jacket on and board our boat and we towed their boat to the St Francisville boat Ramp.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Buhnerkempe performed boat patrols on various lakes throughout the county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Skelton performed a boat patrol on East fork lake.

CPO Andrew Hyatt patrolled East Fork Lake looking for potential violators.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Haggerty performed a commercial fishing detail on the Wabash river, checking to make sure that commercial fisherman complied with Illinois commercial fishing laws.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Buhnerkempe responded to a complaint of ATV's operating on private property without permission, writing 5 citations.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers arrested a subject for driving while license suspended and possession of a loaded uncased firearm.

CPO Somers arrested a subject for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject refused chemical testing and was served immediate notice of suspension of his boating privileges.

CPO Somers arrested a subject for driving while license suspended.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPOs Teas and Spinka were on boat patrol on Lake of Egypt in Johnson County when they stopped a boat for not having registration. The operator was found to have multiple equipment violations and was intoxicated. The subject was arrested for OUI and submitted to a breath test which showed a BAC of 0.155.

CPO Wolf issued written warnings to multiple boaters on Lake of Egypt for boating equipment violations.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf arrested a Massac County man for possession of Methamphetamine and an active Pope County arrest warrant. The arrest resulted from a traffic stop for an equipment violation.

CPO Wolf cited an individual at Mermet Lake for operating a vessel with no life jacket.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a complaint of hunting without permission on the Washington/Perry County Line. The two turkey hunters were issued citations for hunting without permission.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

UNION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a boat operator for towing a tuber without an observer on Lake of Egypt in Williamson County.