



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

DATE: May 19, 2020
(Weeks of May 1-15, 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

Nothing to report for this county

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with a turkey hunter who called to turn himself in for a violation. He had harvested a turkey, however he forgot to call it in by 10PM the same day as the harvest. The hunter was issued a written warning for the violation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender issued a citation to an Indiana man who was mushroom hunting at Rall Woods in a closed area. Orange snow fence was removed and the subject parked his vehicle in front of the closed sign. The Indiana man was in company of another Indiana resident along with a South Carolina Resident who were both issued written warnings.

CPO Hoftender cited a Galena man for mushroom hunting in a closed area at Witkowsky Fish and Wildlife Area. The subject parked along the roadway when not able to pull into the closed parking lot. He was issued a warning for the parking violation.

CPO Hoftender cited a Cary man for being in a closed area at Witkowsky Fish and Wildlife Area. He was parked along the roadway near two closed lots.

LEE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Williams and CPO McKune went on boat patrol on Pool 18 of Mississippi River.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Peecher issued 1 citation for fishing without a valid license in White Pines Forest State Park.

CPO Murry observed a car pass him at a high rate of speed. CPO Murry activated his RADAR and observed the vehicle to be traveling 102 miles per hour. The vehicle was stopped and after a short investigation it was discovered the driver was also driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and charged with speeding and DUI. At the time he was driving more than 100 miles an hour his BAC was .113.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Francisko was patrolling State Parks in Whiteside County. When entering Prophetstown State Park (along the flooded Rock River) the CPO observed a small jon boat that had just launched. The CPO conducted a boat safety inspection and found several violations. The boat did not have enough PFD's for each person onboard, the fire extinguisher was not serviceable and the valid registration numbers were not displayed properly. The operator / owner appeared to have little boating experience and nervous about taking his small jon boat out on the flooded river. The CPO spent some time talking to the person about the risk (loss of lives) he was taking, even if he had all the proper equipment. The operator appeared relieved the CPO stopped him from going out on the river and thanked him for doing his job. The subject was issued written warnings for the boating violations detected. This easily could have developed into a fatal boat accident given the circumstances.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking fisherman along the Hennepin Canal CPO Wagner found three individuals to be fishing w/out fishing licenses. Of the three one individual was found to have no record of ever purchasing a fishing license and another who purchased a license sporadically at best. All three were cited for the violation.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

While enforcing the Governor's executive order for park closures CPO Wagner cited 8 individuals for entering a restricted area (closed park due to COVID 19).

Working off a tip CPO Wagner found two individuals taking over limit of trout at I & M Canal in LaSalle. Both individuals had taken their legal limit to their vehicle and returned to continue fishing. When approached the two had caught another 5 trout which they had on a separate stringer. Both were cited for the violation. While working same area CPO Wagner found another individual to be in violation of the 5 trout per day limit. Individual was cited for the offense.

While checking fisherman along the Illinois River CPO Wagner found an individual fishing on clearly marked private property. When questioned about the violation the individual knew he was on private property and just ignored the signs. Individual was cited for the offense.

While patrolling Starved Rock State Park, CPO Stanbary encountered several groups of hikers unlawfully entering the Starved Rock trail system. A group of five hikers from the Chicagoland area were found near Aurora Canyon and 2 separate pairs of hikers were found in St. Louis Canyon later the same day. All were cited for unlawfully entering a restricted area.

CPO Workman was performing a routine patrol at the Peru Sportsman's Club. As CPO Workman entered the parking lot, he observed a female shouting and waving her arms. Immediately after seeing that, CPO Workman observed approximately 10 subjects walking towards the parking lot and away from the Illinois River banks. CPO Workman stopped a few subjects and the subjects denied fishing. CPO Workman went to where he observed the subjects retreat from and saw approximately 10 fishing poles on the bank. CPO Workman interviewed the English-speaking subjects that retreated. The subjects admitted to fishing and did not have licenses. Citations were issued to the subjects.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Michael Alvarez-Gerbino was conducting sport fisherman checks at Rockton dam on the rock river when he discovered an individual in possession of a walleye under 14 inches. A citation was issued.

CPO Randy Leannah received a complaint of a man snagging fish at four lakes forest preserve and upon arrival he was met by CPO Alvarez-Gerbino where they began conducting fishing checks on all fishermen in the area. Upon checking the individual that had been snagging they learned that he had an active warrant in Stephenson county. The individual was arrested and issued two citations and a written warning.

CPO Murry was checking fisherman on the Rock River, and discovered one of the fisherman was wanted on multiple warrants out of Stephenson county. Due to COVID-19 the Winnebago county jail would not accept the individual. He was issued a court date by Stephenson county and released.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson was on foot patrol and made an arrest of a trespasser on an incorporated property in Fulton County. CPO Thompson observed the man from a distance and made contact shortly thereafter. The man admitted to being on the property without permission and was cited as a result.

While on a foot patrol, CPO Thompson located two men trespassing on a private property of Fulton County. Written warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott investigated a landowner complaint of trespassing in rural Knox County. CPOs interviewed two suspects and received confessions to unlawful turkey hunting without permission of the landowner. In addition, CPOs determined one of the men to have been unlawfully hunting turkeys without licenses and permits and unlawfully possessing a firearm without a valid FOID card. Several citations were issued and the men were released with a future court date.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn patrolled Mackinaw River State Park to find a vehicle parked near a barricade closing the park. Two individuals from Southern Illinois had parked near the closed gate to the park and began to mushroom hunt. A neighboring landowner called and stated he could hear people behind his house. CPO Finn was able to find two mushroom hunters that had trespassed an several properties and unlawfully entered the park. Both mushroom hunters were cited and the mushroom was returned to the landowner.

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 is investigating an unlawful nuisance wildlife trapping of raccoon in southern Kane County.

CPO Iaffaldano assisted the Dekalb County Sherriff’s Office with the search and recovery of a missing suicidal person.

LAKE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Kelley and Doescher responded to a boat accident on McCullom Lake that occurred at approximately 9:30 am. Two occupants were in the small fishing boat and both ended up in the water when one stood up to relieve himself. Neither of the occupants was seriously injured but, after gathering information on the accident, the operator proved to be OUI. A PBT showed a BAC of approximately 0.118%, nearly 3 hours after the incident. Citations and written warnings were issued.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Two fishermen were fishing just downstream of the Kankakee River Dam in Kankakee. They were too close to the dam in flooded river conditions and began having motor problems. The boat was pulled into the dam and capsized. CPO Farber responded and coordinated a search effort with the Kankakee Fire Department on the flooded river for the two men. CPOs Farber, Elliot, Anderson, Bergland, Honiotes, and Prasun along with Sgt. Wollgast will continue searching the river until the victims are found

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILL COUNTY

While conducting a premise check at a western Will County state park, CPO Prasun located two individuals who were in the park while it was closed to visitors due to the COVID19 pandemic. Enforcement action was taken and the individuals were educated on Illinois’ state park laws.

CPO Prasun assisted the Will County Sheriff’s Office with a neighbor dispute involving an aggravated assault. During the investigation, it was determined one of the neighbors had also been shooting towards wildlife with a pellet gun. Enforcement action was taken and the offender was educated on Illinois laws in reference to harassing wildlife.

While investigating a suspicious vehicle, CPO Prasun observed a subject placing landscaping material in the back of his vehicle from a lot belonging to a southern Will County township. During the investigation, it was determined the driver had illegally transported an alcoholic beverage to the location and was cited for illegal transportation of an alcoholic liquor. The local police agency was notified, arrived on scene and took over the investigation into the theft of township owned materials.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Kusta conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed 2 personal watercrafts (PWC) in violation of the No Wake law on the Chicago River and stopped both them. CPO Kusta learned the operators were new to boating and educated them on the laws regarding the Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed one of

the PWCs was not registered. The operator stated he just purchased the PWC and wanted to make sure it worked. CPO Kusta educated both operators on their violations and documented them with written warnings.

CPO Swindle issued a citation for entering a closed state park and unlawfully fishing in an area closed to fishing. Both occurred at the William Powers State Park.

While conducting a boat patrol along the Cal Sag River, CPO Swindle issued one written warning for no fire extinguisher aboard a watercraft.

CPO Swindle issued a written warning for operating a watercraft at a speed greater than no wake, no fire extinguisher, and no cover over battery.

CPO Swindle issued three written warnings for entering a closed state park and two written warnings for fishing in an area closed to fishing.

CPO Roesch, CPO McClenning, and Captain Whitchurch assisted Chicago Dive and Rescue team with a car that was submerged in a pond near William Powers State Park. The car was removed with no one inside. The property was not state-owned property and the case was taken by Chicago Police Dept.

CPO Roesch and CPO Williams discovered four individuals fishing at William Powers State Park which is closed due to COVID-19. The individuals had two short northern pike and a rainbow trout. None of the individuals had a trout stamp and one individual did not have a fishing license. Citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch discovered individuals fishing at William Powers State Park which is closed due to COVID-19. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch conducted boat safety checks on kayaks and boats at Tampier Lake and Skokie Lagoons Cook County Forest Preserve. Individuals were reminded about the two person per boat rule.

CPO Roesch received a complaint of people fishing at Horsetail Lake Cook County Forest Preserve which is closed due to COVID-19. Four individuals were located and written warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch investigated a complaint of illegal taking of endangered turtles and snakes out of Black Partridge Forest Preserve. CPO Roesch informed individuals walking in the preserve that it was closed due to COVID-19. Investigation is ongoing.

CPO Roesch encountered two individuals off-roading at William Powers State Park in a Jeep. Citation and warnings were issued.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates issued 4 written warnings for fisherman not having valid fishing licenses in DuPage County.

CPO Gates was called to assist in the search and recovery of a missing 18 year old Autistic woman who was swept away in the DuPage River when attempting to cross a flooding walking path. A search was conducted using Sonar but the woman still remains missing.

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 Olroyd responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Calhoun County. The individual hunting without permission was identified as a non-resident. They were found to be unlawfully turkey hunting using a firearm without a non-resident hunting license, habitat stamp, or permits. The individual was given citations and written warnings for the offenses as well as a mandatory court appearance.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Olroyd and CPO Goetten investigated a report of illegal dumping of garbage in Greene County. The investigation led the officers to a residence within the county a short distance away. After a short interview, the two individuals residing at the residence admitted to dumping the garbage. They were subsequently issued citations for the illegal dumping of garbage and given a mandatory court appearance.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was on patrol in the Loraine area and received a trespassing complaint from 2 separate landowners. CPO Wheatley surveyed the area and found the vehicle associated with the complaint. CPO Wheatley noted one subject in the passenger seat and inquired where the driver was. After learning the driver was mushroom hunting on one of the properties owned by a complainant, CPO Wheatley verified the name and found the subject had a suspended driver's license. A short time later the driver returned stating he was mushroom hunting and unsuccessful. CPO Wheatley asked if he had permission to be on any of the properties, the man said something to the effect of not exactly. Neither of the landowners wanted any more than a verbal warning issued to the man, but after a short interview, the man was cited for driving while suspended and his license was seized due in part that it is a separate offense to be in possession of suspended/revoked/cancelled driver's license.

JERSEY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PIKE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received a Turkey hunting without permission complaint. The Turkey hunter who was on the wrong property was located by the Hunter who had permission. The wandering turkey hunter was asked why he was on the wrong property. He responded with " Because, that's where the Turkeys were gobbling. The subject was issued a citation for hunting without permission.

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink performed hunting compliance checks on four turkey hunters. One of the hunters was issued a warning for not having his turkey permit in possession.

While patrolling Jim Edgar Panther Creek (JEPC) SFWA, CPO Wahlbrink noticed an unoccupied truck in a parking lot near Drake Lake. Ratchet straps were observed on top of the truck. Assuming the ratchet straps were used to secure kayaks to the truck, CPO Wahlbrink began walking the perimeter of the lake looking for kayakers. At the opposite end of the lake, he observed a male and female fishing from kayaks. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wahlbrink discovered a family fishing at JEPC. Three of the family members did not have current fishing licenses in their possession. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wahlbrink approached a woman sitting in a chair on the bank of a lake with two fishing poles, a tackle box, and an open container of catfish bait laying on the ground beside her. She stated that she was not fishing. CPO Wahlbrink noticed a fishing line floating in the water in front of her. He pulled in the line and also noticed the lure was baited with the same bait that was beside her. The woman eventually admitted to fishing and cutting the line when she saw CPO Wahlbrink's truck. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Wright observed a Springfield man fishing at Sangchris Lake. While checking the fishermen, he was found to be in possession of two short largemouth bass. The minimum length at Sangchris is 15'. One bass was 14' and the other was 10'. The man was issued a citation.

CPO Wright checked four kayaks at the East boat ramp on Sangchris Lake. All four kayakers were found to have no life jackets. The Virden men were informed of the importance of having a life jacket on board and were all given warnings.

CPO Wright is investigating criminal damage to property at Taylorville Lake. The subjects doing the damage are making ruts all around city property. The South Dam has been tore up so bad that it has made it difficult to launch a boat.

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement in Mason County. CPO Thornley completed a boat safety inspection along the Salt Creek. The boater did not have any life jackets on the boat. The operator was issued a citation for no PFD's. A written warning was issued for an inoperable fire extinguisher.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink observed two kayakers on the Salt Creek. Watercraft safety inspections revealed neither one of them had life jackets. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern cited a turkey hunter for transporting an uncased shotgun on an ATV, and for failing to tag his turkey prior to transporting it with his ATV.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Clark County resident in Clark County. CPO Wellum issued the driver a written warning for speeding.

CPO Wellum had a complaint of people hunting mushrooms in the nature preserve at Walnut Point State Park. CPO Wellum arrived on scene and patrolled the area. CPO Wellum was unable to locate anyone in the nature preserve.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County Deputies with a report of a home invasion in rural Clark County. Upon arrival two subjects were located and the residence and placed in custody. No entry was made into the residence. One of the subjects was released, the second individual was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and transported to the Clark County Jail.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted Charleston resident with renewing his boat and registering a new boat that was purchased from a garage sale.

CPO Hyatt responded to a call at Lake Charleston regarding an owl that was caught in fishing line.

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Coles County resident. CPO Wellum issued the driver a written warning for speeding.

CPO Mieure patrolled Coles county waterways, gave 3 verbal warnings for boat equipment violations at Lake Charleston.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure patrolled waterways to include Cumberland Co. Sportsman’s club and Toledo reservoir. Conducted boat patrol on Lake Mattoon.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Walnut Point State Park multiple times after the opening of the park and the lake.

CPO Mieure conducted boat patrol on Walnut Point Lake and patrolled Walnut Point State Park during closure.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued two Edgar County residents warnings for no fishing licenses while fishing at Twin Lakes in Paris

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody is investigating an individual in rural Moultrie county for multiple incidents of illegal take of deer

SHELBY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued 6 mushroom hunters citations for illegally accessing Clinton Lake SRA. The state property was closed to the public at the time of the offense.

While on a boat patrol at Clinton Lake, CPO G. Anderson and CPO Ausmus spotted a boat anchored to powerplant property. After a brief investigation, 3 subjects were contacted on the property. All subjects were given written warnings and were educated on where the state property lines and posted signs are located.

CPO G. Anderson issued a fisherman a citation for pollution of waterways at Clinton Lake. The fisherman threw a glass bottle into the lake, then proceeded to throw large rocks at the bottle to submerge it below the surface.

CPO G. Anderson spotted a juvenile fishing from the Route 54 bridge at Clinton Lake. CPO Anderson asked the juvenile to move below the bridge if he was going to keep fishing, which he complied. CPO Anderson drove away and noticed an ATV at the end of the bridge on state property. CPO Anderson turned around and observed the same juvenile riding the ATV on state property. CPO Anderson stopped the juvenile and addressed the violation. The juvenile was issued 1 written warning and 1 citation for the offenses of operating an ATV on state property and no fishing license.

CPOs Anderson and Ausmus found six mushroom hunters on state property during the closure. Four of the subjects attempted to hide from CPO Anderson but quickly realized they had already been spotted. All six subjects were issued citations and made to dump-out their harvest back in the woods.

CPO Ausmus cited two mushroom hunters for entry into a closed area. CPO Ausmus noticed a vehicle parked near a popular mushroom spot which was well signed as closed and waited nearby. The two subjects emerged from state property in a cautious fashion, looking around prior to exiting the woods. CPO Ausmus contacted the subjects, who admitted to knowing the park was closed. One subject had previously boasted on a Facebook group about sneaking into Clinton Lake. Both subjects returned their harvest to the woods and were issued citations.

CPO Ausmus responded to a criminal damage to property at Mascoutin and Weldon boat launches. The suspect was stopped and located by Dewitt County. CPO Ausmus arrested the North Riverside man for Driving under the influence of alcohol and criminal damage.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a Livingston County man for the operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The arrest occurred on the Vermilion River. The man was also cited for having an uncased loaded crossbow in the watercraft with him as well. The man was released on an NTA and will have a court date next month at the Livingston County courthouse.

MACON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden responded to a shots-fired complaint in Moraine View State Recreation Area. Upon arrival, CPO Graden heard repeated volleys of rapid rifle fire coming from a wooded area within the park. Three male subjects from Bloomington were located. They were in-possession of a .40 caliber handgun and AR-15 rifle. The men stated they knew the park was empty, due to the COVID-19 closure, and believed it would be safe to target practice. When asked what they were using for a target / backdrop, they claimed they were firing into the ground and trees. All three men were cited for Unlawful Entry into a Posted Restricted Area and asked to leave the park.

CPO Graden received a complaint of a fisherman illegally snagging a state endangered lake sturgeon, below the base of the Lake Bloomington Spillway, in Money Creek. A suspect was identified, interviewed, and the lake sturgeon seized as evidence. The fish was roughly 5 feet long and approximately 45 lbs. Unfortunately, the lake sturgeon was deceased at the time of recovery. The fish was turned over to DNR Fisheries for scientific study. Further investigation pending.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

While patrolling closed State lands in Vermilion County, CPO Sanford observed an individual riding a bicycle through a posted, closed area, which was marked by signs and barricades. CPO Sanford made contact with the individual, who provided false information and attempted to leave the scene before advised to do so. CPO Sanford was able to obtain the correct identifying information and the individual was issued a citation for unlawful entry into a posted, closed area.

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

Nothing to report for this county

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl responded to a complaint of a watercraft being dumped on the side of the road. The watercraft was pulled off the trailer and the trailer was taken. The watercraft had registration from another State that had expired almost 15

years ago. Contact with the last known registered owner was made and an investigation is being conducted to determine how it ended up where it was found.

CPO Liebl was contacted about a pistol that had been snagged by a fisherman out of a local lake. The gun is currently being run through the ATF to help determine where the pistol came from.

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline & White)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson conducted commercial fishing enforcement on the Wabash and Ohio rivers.

CPO Knop has been conducting commercial fishing investigations on the Ohio river.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson received a complaint of fishermen fishing from a closed area on the Waltonville spill way. Several subjects were discovered in closed areas by CPO Wilkinson and proper enforcement action was taken.

POPE COUNTY

While completing a field report, a traffic crash occurred near Dixon Springs, CPO Wilkinson assisted Pope County with the accident. Additionally, during the shift, CPO Wilkinson discovered to subjects walking down the high way, after a brief conversation, it was determined that they were lost hikers and had been lost for a whole day without food or water. CPO Wilkinson assisted the hikers and transported them back to their starting location which was nearly 15 miles from where they were discovered.

SALINE COUNTY

When patrolling Sahara Woods State Park and the surrounding area, CPO Wilkinson was passed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate speed. A traffic stop was conducted and the operator was issued a citation for speeding.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Skelton Along with CPO Haggerty patrolled the Wabash River seizing 3 untagged Hoop nets.

District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper Received a complaint of an individual unlawfully turkey hunting after legal hours on property they did not have permission for hunt. CPO Roper investigated the incident, and learned of an individual in the area when the hunter was located. CPO Roper interviewed the individual and was able to determine the identity of the hunter in question. CPO Roper interviewed the suspected hunter and learned the individual was in fact the suspect in question. CPO Roper learned along with having no permission to hunt the ground, and hunting after hours the individual only possessed a land-owner only turkey permit which was invalid for the ground he was hunting on. The hunter admitted to getting in the vehicle he left in without casing the firearm. CPO Roper inspected the firearm the individual as hunting with and learned it was unlawfully able to hold more than three shotshells. CPO Roper issued the suspect three citations for hunting without permission, having no valid turkey permit, and hunting after lawful turkey hunting hours. COP Roper issued the suspect written warnings for unlawfully transporting a firearm in a vehicle while uncased, and for unlawfully hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Ramsey Lake State Park when he observed a boat coming into the boat launch. CPO Roper asked the individual on the boat if he was in possession of fish. The operator of the boat stated he had a limit of crappie. CPO Roper conducted a boat safety and fishing inspection of the boat. CPO Roper found the individual to be in possession of two short crappie, and an uncovered battery. CPO Roper issued the boat operator a citation for the short crappie and released them. The boat operator was also issued a written warning for the battery issue.

JASPER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a call from a subject that was near Embraw River Basin State Habitat Area (ERBSHA) and observed a truck stuck on the property. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department sent a Deputy and he retrieved the subject information. The next day CPO Taylor met with the subject and he was issued a citation for driving off road way in a State Habitat Area.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Willand was traveling to Beall Woods when he observed a red passenger car leave the road way. Upon performing a traffic stop it was discovered the vehicle was uninsured, and both occupants possessed cannabis in illegal unsealed containers. Both occupants received citations for the unlawful possession of cannabis in an unsealed container in a motor vehicle, and were fingerprinted on scene. The driver also received a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JOHNSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited a man for possessing an uncased rifle in his vehicle.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited two ATV operators for operating in Pyramid State Recreational Area.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Wolf assisted Union County and Illinois State Police with a large accident on I-57.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson is investigating complaints of subjects riding ATV's and fishing without permission in Williamson County.