



# 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 12-26, 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 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis**

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Peecher wrote 1 OUI on Mississippi River pool 13 over Memorial Holiday weekend; Issued 1 citation (pollution of waterway) and 2 WW for no fishing license in possession.

CPO Beltran arrested a 51-Year-old Lanark man for operating under the influence of alcohol on the Mississippi River in Pool 13.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri patrolled the Hennepin Canal and Johnson Sauk Trail. Parks have been very busy since reopening. Fishing licenses are still required for anyone 16 and over. Rumors have been going around that we have been waiving the license fees – NOT TRUE!!! Please be respectful to CPOs and your fellow mankind.

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 Peecher issued 1 citation for amount of PFD's on board a watercraft for number of passengers.

CPO Hoftender and CPO Beltran arrested a Bellevue man for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was .143.

CPO Beltran arrested a 59-Year-old Galena man for operating under the influence of alcohol on the Mississippi River in Pool 12.

LEE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

OGLE COUNTY

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO K. Williams and CPO Francisko were on boat patrol on Pool 14 of the Mississippi River. It was after sunset and becoming difficult to see. Both CPOs were barely able to observe a watercraft operating downstream ahead of them. The watercraft did not have an "all around white light" on as required. They arrived at the Rapids City boat launch behind this watercraft. At this time, CPO K. Williams observed the red and green navigation lights were not on. The operator was struggling to dock / tie up his boat. CPO K. Williams performed SFST's on the operator. The operator was placed under arrest for OUI. Operator gave a breath sample of .120 BAC. The Operator was issued three citations. The operator was released and given a mandatory court appearance.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoftender received a complaint about dead grackles in Dakota. CPO Hoftender investigated the complaint and a Dakota man was issued a citation for unlawful possession of grackles. The subject was shooting grackles with a .22, because they were defecating in his driveway.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**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

Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Workman and CPO Kiprono received a complaint of 2 subjects entering St. Louis Canyon at Starved Rock. CPO Workman and Kiprono found the subjects nude in the canyon. The subjects were escorted out of the park and citations were issued.

CPO Kiprono cited two fishermen from Chicago for fishing without valid fishing licenses at Illini State Park. The two fishermen had open alcohol and a dog off leash when signs for no alcohol and all dogs must be on leash were posted by their vehicle.

Sgt. Wire and CPO Kiprono discovered an individual asleep and highly intoxicated in a parking space just feet from an active access road to the Marseilles Lock and Dam at Illini State Park. The individual was in the park after hours; he left with the local PD.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Leannah and CPO Alvarez-Gerbino were conducting sport fisherman checks on the Rock River when they encountered two individuals in possession of smallmouth bass out of season. Citations were issued.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted an investigation into a suspicious vehicle parked near a restricted fishing area in Fulton County. CPO Thompson gathered evidence of trespassing having occurred on 3 properties as well as fishing without permission of the landowner. CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott interviewed the suspects identified during the investigation and received confessions to trespassing and fishing without permission. Three fishing poles were seized and the two male subjects received two citations and several written warnings.

While on patrol, CPO Thompson located two Canton men trespassing on restricted access private property in Fulton County. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott patrolled Emiquon Preserve and checked several boats for boating safety equipment and fishing licenses. During the patrol, CPOs issued several written warnings and one citation for operating a kayak without a PFD (life jacket) on board.

CPO Thompson located a man fishing on the shoreline at Canton Lake Park and identified he was in violation of sex offender registry requirements. CPO Thompson detained the man in order to investigate the violation further. Upon investigation, the man was subsequently issued an NTA for the registry violation and a citation for possession of a controlled substance.

While patrolling the backwaters of the Emiquon National Refuge, Sgt. Gilmer located several illegal commercial trotlines. Early the following morning, Sgt. Gilmer and CPO Wahlbrink caught the fishermen coming back to check their lines. Both fishermen were cited for commercially fishing in the refuge.

CPO Wahlbrink investigated a complaint of multiple dead fish in the back yard of a residence in Havana. Upon arrival at the residence, CPO Wahlbrink noticed several whole, uncleaned catfish laying on the ground. A thorough interview revealed the catfish were taken from Emiquon National Refuge by a person who did not have a fishing license. The individual was cited.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott patrolled the Mississippi River to conduct boat registration and safety compliance checks. During the inspection of a pontoon boat, CPOs noted signs of impairment of the operator and a few equipment violations. Subsequently, the operator failed SFSTs and provided a breath sample disclosing a BAC of .094. The Burlington man was arrested, processed and released on a notice to appear in court.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson responded to a reported plane crash located at Argyle Lake State Park. The pilot was found to be the only occupant in the plane when he reportedly ran out of fuel and glided the plane into the upper canopy of the Argyle State Park timber. The plane and pilot were eventually located approximately 35 feet high in a tree by AIR-EVAC Helicopter & Personnel. Several other agencies responded to the call: Illinois State Police, Argyle State Park Staff, McDonough County Sheriff's Dept., Blandinsville Fire Dept. & EMS, Macomb Fire Dept & EMS, Colchester Fire Dept. & EMS & McDonough County ESDA. A Big thank you to all who responded and aided in this event. The subject was successfully removed from the tree and sustained minor injuries. The plane was removed later in the week by Myers Aviation assisted by Argyle Park Staff. It should be noted, Argyle Site Tech Chris Martin successfully fell the tree without incident when members of the Aviation company were struggling to dislodge the plane from the tree.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson patrolled by boat at Spring Lake, Macomb. During the patrol, the CPO's encountered a boat occupied by 4 subjects. After completing a boat safety inspection, violations of No PFD, No Battery Cover, Unnumbered Watercraft, No Fishing Licenses were noted. Additionally, the CPO's located 3 separate cannisters of a controlled substance and several items of drug paraphernalia on the boat. The subjects were escorted back to shore and off the lake for proper enforcement.

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn cited a fisherman who was fishing from a bridge posted as no fishing and was warned previously the lake he was fishing in was closed.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson Patrolled Little Swan Lake for Recreational Boat Enforcement and Sport Fish Enforcement. No Violations were noted.

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 calls about 2 Snapping Turtles hit by vehicles. The turtles were collected and taken to Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation. One of the turtles may survive. On the way to Flint Creek, another snapper was spotted and Flint Creek volunteers were able to recover it for assessment.

CPO Semenik arrested four subjects at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Doescher arrested an individual at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Reid arrested 7 subjects at Illinois Beach State Park in one afternoon for driving while license suspended/revoked or no valid license. He also arrested 2 subjects for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and 2 subjects for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area.

#### **MCHENRY COUNTY**

SGT Schreiber cited a subject fishing along the Fox River in McHenry for unlawful use of a cast net to take sport fish.

CPO Semenik cited three subjects in unincorporated McHenry county for unlawfully fishing without the consent of landowner.

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

#### **GRUNDY COUNTY**

Sgt Wollgast and CPO Anderson along with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department, Morris and Coal City Fire Departments and Illinois State Police recovered one of the missing victims from a boat accident at the Kankakee Dam three weeks prior.

CPO Anderson and Sgt. Wollgast responded to several complaints of wild hogs in western Grundy County. The hogs were deemed to be domestic hogs that had been released. 5 hogs have been removed from the area.

CPO Prasun and CPO Honiotes responded to a Grundy County Lake in reference to a complaint of several boats that were present in a restricted area. Two boat operators were located within the restricted area and were cited for the violations.

While conducting several boat safety checks at a Grundy County Lake, CPO Prasun located a boat operator who was found to be in possession of two undersized walleye. A citation was issued to the boat operator for failure to immediately return short walleye back to the water. Enforcement action was also taken against other boaters and fishermen who were educated on several boat safety and fishing licensing laws.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber located two turkey hunters during the 5<sup>th</sup> season who were hunting without permission. CPO Farber located the subjects and conducted a field interview. During the interview it was determined that the hunter who had gained permission many years prior could not remember the landowners name and did not obtain permission for the current year. The trespassers were asked to leave and enforcement action was taken.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes and the Channahon Police Department are investigating ongoing vandalism and graffiti at the Channahon State Park. Several youth in the area have been seen frequently in the park and are under investigation.

While checking fishermen at three central Will County lakes and one southern Will County river, CPO Prasun encountered eight residents who were fishing without fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken and they were educated on Illinois' fishing license laws.

CPO Prasun and CPO Bergland conducted two boating details on a southern Will County river in an ongoing attempt to recovery a second person who had fallen into the river days before.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park enforcing closure due to COVID-19 issued verbal warnings to individuals walking in the park. CPO Roesch encountered an individual fishing in the park without a fishing license. Citation was issued for no fishing license.

CPO Roesch investigated a complaint with CPO Roundcount of individuals electric shocking fish. Both CPOs arrived on scene and discovered 4 individuals attempting to catch fish with a dip net, not an electric shocker. None of the individuals had fishing licenses. CPO Roesch issued 2 WVs to two individuals for fishing without a license.

CPO Roesch patrolled Worth Boat Launch and Alsip Boat Launch conducting 6 vessel inspections. 1 WV for no type IV throwable and improper display of valid registration. 1 citation for improper number of PFDs and 3 WV (no battery terminal covers, no fire extinguisher, and unnumbered watercraft).

CPO Roesch stopped an ATV at the Worth boat launch. 1 WV for driving on a roadway without valid insurance.

CPO Roesch conducted a boat Patrol on Lake Michigan and Chicago River with CPO Klemme and CPO Williams. CPO Roesch performed 2 vessel inspections ensuring boater safety compliance.

CPO Roesch checked bank fisherman at Belmont Harbor and informed them of the harbors closure due to COVID-19.

During this period CPO Swindle responded to a water rescue after the fact. Following a review of the police and fire report, CPO Swindle made contact with the victim/offender. After conducting an interview, CPO Swindle issued a written warning for Careless Operation of a watercraft.

CPO Swindle responded to water rescue in progress. Two kayaks were seen floating, capsized, down the Des Plaines River in the area of Riverside. Multiple departments responded. Among those departments were the Riverside Police,

Forest Preserve police, Riverside Fire Department, the Lyons Fire Department and the Cook County Sheriff helicopter. A drone was also deployed in search of the two missing subjects who had been seen earlier in their kayaks. After no progress was made and unconfirmed witness sightings of a wet individual leaving the river, the emergency services terminated the search. Later that evening a subject, identifying himself as one of the kayakers, called the Riverside Police Department. He stated he was one of the kayakers and he and his friend were ok. CPO Swindle made contact with the two kayakers at a later date. CPO Swindle issued both kayakers citations for careless operation of a watercraft along with written warnings for entering a restricted area.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates issued 1 written warning for using cannabis in a public place

CPO Gates issued 2 written warnings to anglers not having a valid sportfishing license

CPO Gates issued 2 written warnings to a father and daughter for operating their canoe on the West Branch of the DuPage river which is currently closed to all recreational watercraft.

CPO Gates patrolled the west branch of the DuPage river, enforcing the river closure order. Dozens of potential kayakers were educated about the closure and prevented from entering the water.

**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 Michael Goetten arrested a subject for misdemeanor obstructing a police officer. Additional charges are pending for felony obstruction, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Michael Goetten and CPO Aaron Jansen assisted Missouri State Troopers with detaining a suicidal subject on the Mississippi River.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Olroyd continues to conduct vessel safety inspections and check fishermen for violations as the weather gets warmer.

HANCOCK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Olroyd continues to patrol the IL/Mississippi Rivers for violations of boating and fishing regulations.

CPO Michael Goetten arrested a subject for driving 102 MPH in a 55 MPH zone.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Olroyd and CPO Gushleff investigated a hunter found to be unlawfully harvesting wild turkey. The hunter was issued a citation and several written warnings.

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 assisted Cass County Sheriff's Office in locating a female who was reported lost at Jim Edgar Panther Creek. The Sheriff's Office was able to determine her location by pinging her cell phone. The individual was found unharmed with a bag full of morel mushrooms.

While checking fishermen at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, CPO Wahlbrink discovered a minor had multiple bass in a cooler that was located in his guardian's vehicle. One of the bass was three inches short of the minimum 15-inch requirement. The bass was released alive back into the water. After speaking with the minor, his guardian, and bystanders, it was determined that there were no intentional violations of the law. The guardian was educated on his responsibility to supervise the minor and was issued a written warning for allowing the minor to keep the short bass.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Wright issued a citation to a Springfield man fishing at Sangchris lake for no valid fishing license. The man had not had a fishing license since 2014. He was also issued a warning for pollution of waterway for throwing his cigarettes in the water.

While on patrol at Sangchris Lake, CPOs Wichern and Wahlbrink performed multiple fishing and watercraft safety compliance checks. During the patrol, the CPOs issued citations and warnings to individuals for operating a watercraft without enough life jackets (PFDs) on board, failing to immediately release short bass, fishing without permission on railroad property, operating a watercraft without a serviceable fire extinguisher, and operating a watercraft without having the battery secured and the terminals covered.

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**

Nothing to report for this county

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPO Wright along with Sgt. Gilmer, CPO Thornley and CPO Snodgrass have been using sonar to locate a suicidal man in the Sangamon river.

CPO Wright and CPO Wahlbrink did a boat patrol on the Sangamon River. A citation was issued for a revoked fishing license due to child support and a written warning to another for not tagging his bank poles that were left unattended.

While patrolling the Sangamon River, CPOs Wright and Wahlbrink issued a citation to an individual who was fishing without a license. Online records revealed the individual had not purchased a license in the previous five years. They also issued a written warning to another individual for failing to label unattended bank poles with name and mailing address.

CPO Thornley traveled to Riverside Park in response to a kayaker clinging to a tree in the high Sangamon River flood waters. Upon arrival, Springfield Fire Department was able to locate the individual and place them into their rescue boat. Once back on shore, CPO Thornley spoke with the operator. The operator was issued a citation for careless operation.

**SCOTT COUNTY**

On Memorial Day Weekend while on routine boat patrol of the Illinois river CPOs Blakeley & Wichern were asked to assist the USCG and I-DOT in assessing the damage to the I-72 Bridge from (3) barge sections that broke from their moorings near Naples. CPOs located the (3) barge sections, and documented the USCG numbers & identified the damage to the bridge. They also found the damage to the barge section which struck the bridge abutment, and documented it was taking on water due to the bridge strike.

**District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

**CLARK COUNTY**

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with a traffic stop of a subject who was reported driving all over the roadway and hitting another vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was an Indiana resident who was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and multiple traffic offenses.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with a motor vehicle accident. The driver had left the roadway and hit a tree. CPO Wellum was the first officer to arrive and found the driver to be in need of medical care. CPO Wellum requested an ambulance and rescue to be dispatched to the location. The driver was transported to the hospital and arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with a subject who was very paranoid about a backpack on his porch and believed subjects had been entering his residence. Closer inspection of the backpack revealed all the items belonged to the complainant and no other people were located at the residence.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of suspicious subjects in the shower house at Lincoln Trail State Park. CPO Wellum spoke with the subjects; no violations were found.

CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County Deputy with a civil/domestic dispute in Martinsville in reference to the complainants' wife bringing her boyfriend to their residence. No arrested were made.

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with a traffic stop. The Marshall Officer was a K-9 unit and the dog was walked around the vehicle. A written warning was issued for a stop sign violation.

CPO Wellum Patrolled Mill Creek Lake Complex in Clark County on multiple occasions. Many boats and fishermen were checked without incident.

CPO Wellum patrolled Lincoln Trail State Park multiple times.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Lake Charleston and the Embarrass River.

CPO Mieure patrolled waterways and issued a man and woman each written warning for no lifejackets onboard their canoe.

CPO Mieure patrolled Fox Ridge State park over Memorial Day weekend.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure patrolled Cumberland county waterways and handled a complaint of careless operation of watercraft complaint on Lake Mattoon.

CPO Mieure issued four written warnings to a man for watercraft equipment violations and unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation in Cumberland County.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Walnut Point State Park over the Memorial Day weekend.

CPO Mieure patrolled Walnut Point State park during Memorial Day weekend. No enforcement action taken.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Twin Lakes in Paris and multiple other fishing locations throughout the county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited two Mattoon men who were contracted to clean out a home and then dumped two large trailers of construction trash on the Wildlife Management Area.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Hyatt did a boat patrol of Lake Shelbyville over the holiday weekend.

CPO Mieure patrolled Wolf Creek State park during Memorial Day weekend. No enforcement action taken.

CPO Greuel taught recruit firearms training.

CPO Barnes worked boat patrol at Lake Shelbyville over Memorial Day weekend.

**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 Graden and Viverito were patrolling Clinton Lake on a boat patrol. During the patrol several warnings were issued for equipment or safety violations. Towards the end of the patrol the CPO's stopped a pontoon boat. The operator exhibited signs of impairment and was arrested for OUI.

CPO G. Anderson issued 3 fishermen written warnings while patrolling Clinton Lake. 2 fishermen did not have valid licenses and the other fisherman was fishing with more than 2 poles.

CPO G. Anderson and CPO Graden received a call about a boat on Clinton Lake that was potentially overloading. CPO Anderson and CPO Graden made contact with the boat and conducted a safety inspection. The operator received a citation for shortage of life jackets and 2 written warnings for no Type IV PFD and unnumbered watercraft.

CPO G. Anderson and CPO Reeves conducted a boat patrol on Clinton Lake. 1 citation was issued for shortage of PFD's and 12 warnings were issued for violations of passenger location, no battery cover, no Type IV PFD, and failure to change address.

CPO Ausmus responded to a report of a swamped Jon boat that was abandoned on Clinton Lake. CPO Ausmus rode with the complainant out to photograph the boat, which had no registration. The boat was filled with water and had washed against the bank. CPO Ausmus visited several nearby campgrounds and was able to locate the owner. The boat had been left on shore near the campground but due to bad weather and high water it was drifted free. The owner was able to secure and remove the boat without incident.

CPO Ausmus checked fishermen at various Clinton Lake fishing accesses. Four citations were issued for failure to immediately release short crappie, one citation was issued for fishing without a valid non-resident fishing license, two written warnings were issued for too many sport fishing devices and entering into a closed area.

CPO Ausmus, Reeves, and Viverito assisted Farmer City PD in a search for a missing elderly female. The CPOs provided support with off-road vehicles and sonar equipment; helping the agencies check waterways and remote areas.

**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**

CPO Graden assisted McLean County Sheriff's Department in the search for a missing, suicidal male in the Lake Bloomington area. Soon after the call came in, CPO Graden located the subject in a park adjacent to the lake. CPO Graden stayed with the subject until EMS and McLean County SPD arrived. The patient was transported to the hospital for a voluntary psychiatric evaluation.

CPO Graden completed an investigation into the unlawful take of a lake sturgeon [State of Illinois Endangered Species]. The fisherman who took the sturgeon was cited for (1) Unlawful Use of a Snag Line / Pole in Waters Closed to Snagging and (2) Failure to Release Unharmed a Lake Sturgeon. One written warning was issued for Unlawful Take of a State Endangered Species. The fish was deceased at the time of seizure. Thus, it was turned over to IDNR Fisheries for scientific study.

While on patrol at the Clinton Lake Spillway, CPO Graden located an eight-year-old boy who'd become separated from his parents. The little boy was sitting alone, at the base of a tree, in the spillway parking lot. CPO Graden stayed with the child and helped him locate his mother who was several hundred yards away fishing.

CPO G. Anderson assisted Illinois State Police with a single car rollover accident on Route 54. The vehicle appeared to hydroplane on flowing water across the roadway. The driver was out of the vehicle with no visible injuries when CPO Anderson and Illinois State Police arrived on scene. The driver opted to go to the hospital for further evaluation.

**PIATT COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**VERMILION COUNTY**

CPO G. Anderson observed 3 subjects swimming in a restricted area at Kickapoo State Park. When CPO Anderson contacted the subjects there was also a campfire. 2 subjects were issued a written warning for swimming outside a designated area and 1 for having a campfire in a restricted area.

CPO G. Anderson and CPO Miller patrolled Kickapoo SP and observed a boat operating a gas motor on Clear Pond which is prohibited. Both CPO's made contact with the boat and also observed additional equipment violations. The operator was issued a citation for shortage of life jackets and written warnings for no Type IV PFD, no sounding device, no battery cover, no fire extinguisher, and operation of a prohibited motor.

**South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker**

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

**BOND COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**CLINTON COUNTY**

CPO Macias patrolled Eldon Hazlet State Park and Washington County Recreation Area

CPO Macias was patrolling Carlyle Lake and came across a person fishing without a license. A written warning was issued and he was told to get his license before his next fishing trip.

MADISON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a complaint of an adult repeatedly killing songbirds in his backyard. CPO Schachner foot patrolled a timbered ravine which backed up to the subdivision. Five dead songbirds, (cardinals, tufted titmice, chickadee, junco) were observed directly beneath a bird feeder in a backyard. A small pile of cat food and a target with pellet holes were next to the bird feeder. CPO Schachner returned to the same area several days later and discovered a freshly killed opossum directly behind the same house and a dead sparrow under the bird feeder. A necropsy revealed the possum was killed with a .22 caliber pellet gun. CPO Schachner also discovered an old discarded bird feeder with numerous holes from a pellet gun. CPO Schachner spoke with the adult homeowner, who admitted killing the opossum and songbirds with his pellet gun. Evidence supported that the violator killed numerous songbirds over an extended period of time. The pellet gun was seized and the violator was issued two citations with a mandatory court appearance.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Olroyd issued a citation for unlawful entry into a restricted area to an individual found to be fishing on Coffeen Lake.

CPO Olroyd arrested an individual on Glen Shoals Lake who was found to be operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol with a BAC above .08.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner completed an investigation on a pickup truck load of illegally dumped trash. CPO Schachner used various clues in the type of trash (construction debris and household trash) and multiple interviews over several months to determine the actual dumper. The suspects involved had changed addresses and one of them even changed state of residence. Eventually a suspect was determined to be the dumper and was issued a citation with mandatory court appearance for illegal dumping.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Knop patrolled Rend Lake for the Memorial Day weekend

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Folden conducted a boat patrol on Rend lake. CPO Wilkinson issued an operator of a watercraft a citation for failing to have a child under age 13 in a personal flotation device. Additional written warnings were also issued for a variety of other violations.

CPO Haggerty and CPO Folden received a report of a missing individual who was last known to be fishing on Lake Hamilton. A search of the lake was conducted by use of sonar. The individual was located and divers were able to make a recovery.

CPO Jourdan and CPO Folden issued numerous citations to a Franklin County man for shooting wildlife from his vehicle. A complaint had been filed of the man driving around in the town of Ziegler shooting squirrels in resident's yards. After interviewing the man, he confirmed shooting at squirrels from the driver's position of his pickup truck. An air rifle was seized from the cab of his truck. He was cited for hunting from his vehicle, hunting on a roadway, uncased firearm in vehicle, and no hunting license. The man was cited for the same behavior in 2018.

CPO Jourdan investigated a personal injury boating accident on Rend Lake during the Memorial Day weekend. A dog had jumped off the bow of a pontoon boat while in motion. The woman who owned the dog jumped into the lake to rescue the dog. The operator of the boat ran over the woman causing contact with the prop of the motor. The woman sustained lacerations to both shins and a foot which required a trip to the hospital. The woman was treated and released.

CPO Folden is investigating a single vessel fatal boat accident in which the only occupant of the boat was reported missing and later recovered utilizing sonar. This accident is under investigation.

CPO Williams investigated a furbearer complaint. Illegal traps were discovered to trap nuisance raccoons and the trapper identified. A citation was issued and the subject educated about nuisance trapping procedures.

CPO Williams assisted the Rend Lake US Army Corps of Engineers with the report of a lost jet skier. The subject was located safe, but had experienced engine problems.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson observed two individuals fishing at Pounds Hollow Lake and pulled up alongside their vehicle. While approaching the fishermen, CPO Wilkinson noticed a deceased red-tail hawk in the truck bed of their truck. CPO Wilkinson contacted the fishermen and determined they did not have fishing license and investigated the hawk. The fishermen stated the hawk was hit by a vehicle and they picked it up to take home. CPO Wilkinson took the hawk from their possession and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Haggerty assisted Illinois State Police in the locating of a runaway juvenile.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Haggerty assisted Hamilton County Sheriffs Dept. with a report of a side by side vs truck. Upon arriving on scene, EMS was requested for personal injuries sustained to an occupant of the side by side.

#### HARDIN COUNTY

While in Hardin County in the area of Cave-In-Rock State Park, Hardin County received a call-in regard to a suicidal subject near CPO Wilkinson's location. CPO Wilkinson responded and assisted Hardin County EMS and the Sheriff's Office. The subject was given necessary medical assistance and transported by EMS to a local hospital.

CPO Wilkinson completed a timber buyer investigation. CPO Wilkinson issued the timber buyer six citations for a variety of charges including: Failure to pay 4% timber tax, operating as a timber buyer without a license, and failure to maintain required timber buyer records.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson assisted Pope County Fire EMS, Sheriff’s Office, and U.S. Forrest Service with a fallen subject at Jackson Falls. The subject fell twenty feet from a rock structure. CPO Wilkinson was able to assist in rendering aid and carrying the individual to an area capable of vehicular travel. The subject was then transported by helicopter to a nearby hospital.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson completed some fishing compliance checks and two boat safety inspections. Two written warnings were issued.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Haggerty performed a commercial fishing detail on the Wabash River, seizing several Hoop nets that were in violation of state law.

**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 was on patrol at Ramsey lake State Park when he observed a boat traveling to the boat ramp under power of the outboard gas engine. Ramsey Lake is Trolling motor only. CPO Roper initiated a stop on the boat and discovered the boat was having mechanical issues on the water with the trolling motor. CPO Roper learned the boat registration on the boat was expired in 2019, and neither individual possessed a valid fishing license. CPO Roper issued the operator of the boat a citation for the expired registration, and issued warnings to both individuals for having no valid fishing license.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Ramsey Lake State Park when he observed two individuals fishing at the boat launch. CPO Roper observed both individuals were in possession of fish. CPO Roper initiated a fishing compliance check on both individuals, and learned both subjects were in possession of short crappie. Both individuals were issued citations for failure to immediately release short fish.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Vandalia Lake when he observed semi parked on the bridge of highway 185 across Vandalia lake, in a no parking area. CPO Roper observed the driver of the semi fishing along the bridge. The driver of the semi was not in possession of a valid fishing license. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for no valid fishing license.

CPO Skelton along with CPO Buhnerkempe Patrolled Forbes Lake.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor has been patrolling Closed state sites in Jasper County

LAWRENCE COUNTY

While Patrolling Red Hill State Park CPO Taylor conducting a boat safety inspection on a boat that had no life jackets and there were three occupants in the boat. Operator of the watercraft received citation for no life jackets on board. CPO Taylor has been patrolling Closed state sites in Lawrence County.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Willand and CPO Taylor preformed boat safety inspections on recreational boaters and sport fishermen during Memorial Day.

CPO Skelton along with CPO Taylor performed a boat patrol on East Fork Lake during Memorial Day weekend.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton along with CPO Haggerty performed a commercial fishing detail on the Wabash River, to verify all commercial gear was in compliance.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka patrolled state area Patrolled for turkey hunting related violations.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited multiple individuals for unlawfully fishing by the use of snagging.

JOHNSON COUNTY

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

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson received information in regard to a drowning suspect. CPO Wilkinson was requested by State Police for assistance by boat. CPO Wilkinson arrived on scene and determined that the incident was a domestic dispute. CPO Wilkinson assisted State Police and Massac County Sheriff Deputies in apprehending the assailant.

CPO Wolf patrolled department lands to prevent trespassing and vandalism.

CPO Wolf arrested two Massac County men for illegal take of 3 wild turkeys with no hunting license and no valid wild turkey permits.

PERRY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**PULASKI COUNTY**

CPO Vasicek assisted Pulaski County Sheriff's department and State Police on a manhunt for a subject near Mounds, IL who fired a handgun at a male subject

CPO Spinka patrolled for turkey hunting related violations.

**UNION COUNTY**

CPO Vasicek assisted Union County Sheriff's department and Illinois State Police on a manhunt and subsequent capture of a male subject wanted for home invasion with a deadly weapon in possession

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Wolf cited an individual on Lake of Egypt for operating a watercraft with no valid registration.

CPO Wolf issued multiple written warnings for boat equipment violations while patrolling Lake of Egypt.