Illinois Conservation Police
Bi-Weekly Report

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

DATE: October 22, 2020
(Weeks of September 29 through October 13, 2020)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis
(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY
CPO Hoftender and CPOT Swanson cited a Sterling man for not having a 12-year-old wearing a lifejacket. He
was issued warnings for not wearing a lanyard and unnumbered watercraft.

HENRY COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
CPO Hoftender and CPOT Swanson cited two archery deer hunters from the Chicago Suburbs for failure to tag deer
immediately upon kill. They were issued written warnings for failure to sign deer permits, possession of processed deer
in the field, and possession of another’s tag.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Swanson assisted Jo Daviess County and USFWS in rescuing two duck hunters scouting before
season. The hunters had gotten their duck boat stuck in the mud in shallow water between Galena and Hanover.

LEE COUNTY
CPO Beltran is investigating a theft of a boat motor that took place at Green River State Area. Evidence has been
collected and anyone with information is encouraged to contact CPO Beltran.

MERCER COUNTY
CPO McKune assisted Mercer County Sheriff’s Office with a domestic violence call. CPO McKune assisted
Mercer County Sheriff’s Office with a felony traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. CPO McKune issued 1 citation and
4 written warnings. Wildlife, Sport Fish and Commercial Fishing Enforcement was conducted during the
reporting period.

OGLE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
CPO Posateri and Trainee responded to a reported battery in progress along Interstate 74. CPOs were nearby and first on scene. Upon arrival it was determined to be a school attempting to take a student in custody. No arrests or further assistance from law enforcement needed.

CPO Posateri and Trainee patrolled the Mississippi River in Hampton. A Chicago, IL man was found to be in possession of a short bass and was cited once the bass was seized as evidence.

STEPHENSON COUNTY
CPO Hoftender and CPOT Swanson issued two salvage deer tags to hunters who had found roadkill deer and wanted to keep the antlers. Both hunters contacted CPO Hoftender before taking the deer into possession.

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
CPO Wagner while conducting a patrol of Mautino SFWA found a child on boat w/no wearable life jacket. Citation issued for the offense.

CPO Wagner while patrolling rural Bureau County cited individual for Speeding 80 MPH posted 55 MPH zone.

DEKALB COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY
CPO Workman was patrolling Lasalle Lake and observed a subject with 3 fishing devices. Lasalle Lake is a two line and pole only body of water. CPO Workman addressed the individual and learned the individual was from Indiana. CPO Workman looked up Indiana’s fishing laws and learned they are a 3 line and pole state. CPO Workman issued the individual a written warning, educated him on the Illinois fishing law, and provided him with a fish digest.

CPO Murry was patrolling LaSalle Lake when he approached a fisherman on the far east side of the lake Near Veterans point. While speaking with the individual CPO Murry observed multiple hand lines tied to signposts, and also observed him to have three fishing poles set up along the bank. While speaking to the fisherman CPO Murry also observed him to be fishing with bluegill and a striped bass as bait. When asked where he caught the bluegill, and bass the fisherman stated he caught them in the Skokie River. The Striped bass was only 7 inches long, and the limit at the Skokie river for bass is 14 inch minimum. During the encounter. Citations were written for 7 poles at a 2 pole and line only lake and unlawful us of sportfish as bait. Warnings were issued for Failure to immediately release short fish and using sunfish as bait taken from a different body of water.

CPO Wagner while conducting foot patrol of Vermillion and Illinois rivers for fisherman observed boater with two children under 13 w/out life jackets. Officer called the boat to shore and conducted boat safety inspection. Boat operator was cited for not having children in life jackets.
During same incident CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam noticed two individuals who had just finished fishing and were headed in their direction. The two were stopped and questioned about fishing. One of the individuals had a coat over his shoulder and looked like he was holding onto something underneath. CPO Wagner instructed the individual to put coat down. Once the coat was removed the individual was observed holding a cloth sack. Inside the sack were 15 softshell turtles. CPOT Gilliam had notice the two set a 5-gallon bucket further down the shoreline. We walked the two to the bucket and found an additional 5 red eared slider turtles. Both admitted to catching all the turtles by hook and line which is an unlawful way to harvest these turtles. Both men were arrested and cited for Unlawful take of turtles by illegal devices.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam while checking fisherman at lock 14, I&M Canal found individual with a short Muskie. Individual cited for having the short fish.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam while checking fisherman at Allen Park in Ottawa found individual to be fishing w/out fishing license. Citation issued.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gilliam used ATV and assisted in the finding and apprehension of wanted felon who had been eluding police for nearly a day and a half.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Issued speeding citation for 76 mph posted 55 mph zone.

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

CPO Leannah #593 was conducting hunter compliance checks in Rockton when he encountered a man with no hunting license, no habitat stamp and no blaze orange during youth firearm season. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino #587 was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he encountered a man with a short, small mouth bass. Citation was issued. CPO Leannah cited a hunter for no hunting license, habitat stamp and failure to report harvest of a buck. CPO Alvarez-Gerbino #587 was conducting hunter compliance checks when he encountered two men without habitat stamps. Warnings were issued. CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he encountered a man taking sport fish by illegal methods. Citation was issued. CPO Leannah #593 and CPO Alvarez-Gerbino responded to an attempted abduction that occurred at Rock Cut State Park. The incident is still under investigation.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPOs Wahlbrink and Snodgrass discovered several matching commercial hoop nets on the Illinois River. One of the nets did not have a metal tag attached to it. The untagged net was seized. After a thorough investigation, it was returned to the owner along with a written warning for failing to attach a tag with name and address to the net.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county
KNOX COUNTY
CPO Lazzell cited 2 hunters at Spoon River State Forest for transportation of two uncased bows in a vehicle. The hunters were also issued written warnings for failure to wear blaze orange while archery hunting during the youth firearm deer season and entry to a restricted area.

MARSHALL COUNTY
CPO Meinders and CPO Gerard cited two individuals for unlawfully hunting deer over bait (mineral blocks and acorns).

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 and CPOT Hopper were checking deer hunters near Mackinaw Fish and Wildlife. They observed a vehicle parked near private property and a bow hunter walking back towards the vehicle. After a check of licenses and permits, it was determined the hunter did not have a valid hunting license. After a further check of the area it was determined the bow hunter was using mineral and corn as bait. He received two citations for hunting by use or aid of bait and unlawful attempt to take whitetail deer. He also received several warnings.

WARREN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WOODFORD COUNTY
CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully shooting a Northern Shoveler during a closed season.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY
CPO Siedsma arrested a subject for unlawfully hunting deer over bait.

LAKE COUNTY
CPO Van Wiltenburg cited two different subjects for possession of undersized largemouth bass on a Lake County lake. One was 12 inches and the other 12 3/4 inches where a 15 inch size limit applied. One subject had the fish hidden in a bucket that was inside another bag. CPOs Kelley, Davis, Reid and CPOT Farrell conducted a snagging detail in Waukegan that resulted in 20 citations for illegal snagging of salmon.

While conducting sport fish enforcement on Lake Marie, CPO Winters checked a subject fishing in a boat with a 12" Walleye in a cooler on the boat. There is a 14" minimum on Lake Marie. The subject was issued a citation.
CPOT Farrell and CPO Reid arrested a subject at Illinois Beach State Park for driving while license revoked, failure to provide valid proof of insurance, driving while under the influence of alcohol, and driving with a BAC over 0.08%. The subject submitted to chemical testing resulting in a BAC of .166%.

While on a boat patrol, CPOT discovered 3 fishermen in a rental boat. There were 3 fishermen and 3 coolers in the boat. When asked about their fishing success, the parties said they had only caught some "stripers and drum" and opened one of the coolers, full of white bass and drum. When asked specifically about walleye, they replied "no walleye". CPOT asked one of the fishermen about the content of a different cooler and asked to open it. Inside were a few more white bass and drum, but also 1 (illegal looking) walleye. CPOT asked the fisherman how big the fish was. The individual stated 17" but could not provide a tape measure. CPOT measured the fish at 19" (protected slot 18-24"). The 3rd cooler was inspected and was also full of legal fish. CPOT issued a citation for unlawful possession of protected walleye.

CPOT Farrell and CPO Reid cited a subject fishing on Lake Marie for failure to immediately release a 19” walleye within the protected 18-24” slot limit.

**MCHENRY COUNTY**

While checking some fisherman along the Fox River, CPO Winters observed a subject using a cast net in the river. The subject had a five gallon bucket with multiple small bluegills and a 4” and 5” Largemouth Bass. The subject was issued a citation for the short bass and a written warning for using the cast net to take sport fish.

While checking fisherman along the Fox River, CPO Winters observed a subject with a 9” Large Mouth Bass in a bucket. There is a 14” minimum on the Fox River. The subject was issued a citation.

While working at the COLSP park office SGT Schreiber received a phone call from the park superintendent about a possible intoxicated person at the horse rental who was wearing a Chewbacca mask and playing a harmonica. Upon arriving at the horse rental the person was attempting to drive away. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver subsequently arrested for failure to wear a seat belt, no insurance, driving while under the influence of alcohol, and driving with a BAC over 0.08%. The subject submitted to chemical testing indicating a BAC of 0.218% at 11 am in the morning.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

While conducting surveillance for shiners CPO Farber encountered a vehicle shining a field with a headlamp. He made contact with the driver and passenger who were illegally shining for raccoons with a loaded rifle in the truck. Enforcement action was taken and the firearm was seized.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WILL COUNTY**

While patrolling a Will County river, CPOT Vik and CPO Prasun observed a boat passenger outside the railing while the boat was underway. It was also determined the boat operator did not have the safety lanyard attached. Enforcement action was taken and the operator was educated on the boating safety laws.
District 4 – Sgt. Mooi  
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO McClenning arrested a male at Maple Lake on a Warrant for failure to appear.

CPO McClenning, CPO Roesch, CPO Gates and Sgt Mooi worked snagging detail in Chicago. Enforcement action included 1 citation for snagging out of season and 1 citation for snagging in an area closed to snagging fish.

CPO Roesch patrolled Montrose Harbor, Diversey Harbor, Lincoln Park South Lagoon, Belmont Harbor, Burnham Harbor, DuSable Harbor, and Jackson Harbor checking sport fisherman catching salmon. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for snagging during a closed season, 5 citations for snagging in an area closed to snagging, and 1 warning for fishing without a license. CPO Roesch seized several salmon as evidence of contraband.

CPO Swindle conducted a snagging enforcement detail and issued two citations to individuals unlawfully snagging north of the Fullerton avenue bridge in Lake Michigan.

CPO Gates is conducting unlawful hunting investigations in DuPage county. The investigations are ongoing.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at a Chicago Harbor. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman fishing and requested their sportfishing license. The fisherman stated they had a valid license but forgot it at home. CPO Kusta conducted a check and confirmed they held a valid sportfishing license. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman and issued a written warning for no fishing license in possession.

CPO Kusta and Sgt. Mooi conducted wildlife enforcement in southeast Cook County. CPO Kusta and Sgt. Mooi received a written complaint from Com-Ed that there is no hunting allowed on their property. CPO Kusta and Sgt. Mooi checked a piece Com-Ed property and located a hunter in a ground blind. CPO Kusta conducted a compliance check on the hunter; the hunter had Resident hunting license, habitat stamp and deer permits. CPO Kusta recognized the individual from an investigation he was conducting from last season. CPO Kusta inquired about his residency, the hunter holds an IL State ID and an Indiana driver’s license, all his vehicles are registered with Indiana and he files his taxes in Indiana. The IL State ID had an address of a business and wasn’t where he resided. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and cited the hunter for Hunting without landowner permission, Unlawful take of deer, and Falsification of records: Non-resident with resident deer permits, all hunting equipment was seized.

CPO Kusta and Sgt. Mooi conducted sportfish enforcement at a Chicago Harbor. CPO Kusta observed fishermen fishing from a bridge. CPO Kusta and Sgt. Mooi approached and when the fishermen noticed the officers, they stopped fishing and one walked away from the bridge. CPO Kusta requested their sportfishing licenses, neither were able to provide one. CPO requested identification from both, CPO Kusta was handed an IL State ID and the other fisherman provided his name. When the fisherman stated his name, CPO Kusta recognized him because his fishing privileges are suspended. CPO Kusta ran the other fisherman’s ID with dispatch and dispatch informed CPO Kusta that fisherman had a warrant for his arrest. CPO Kusta placed the fisherman in custody. CPO Kusta took enforcement action on both fisherman and seized all equipment. The fisherman with the warrant was transported to a Chicago Police Department for processing.

CPO Kusta was conducting wildlife enforcement in southern Cook County. CPO Kusta observed a truck parked near powerlines with its tailgate down. CPO Kusta observed aluminum kennels in in the bed of the truck. The owner of the truck was located and advised CPO Kusta he was allowing his beagles to pursue rabbit on the powerline property and adjacent properties. CPO Kusta watched as the beagles went running by, hollowing and chasing a rabbit through the tallgrass. CPO Kusta educated the dog owner regarding the property he was on and allowing his dogs to pursue rabbit.
CPO Kusta was conducting Sportfish enforcement along the Des Plaines River. CPO Kusta checked multiple fishermen throughout his patrol, educating 2 fishermen for not having their sportfishing license in possession.

CPO Gates worked salmon snaggers along the lakefront of Chicago. While in Diversey Harbor, North of Fullerton, CPO Gates observed 3 males actively snagging. It is unlawful to snag for salmon north of Fullerton in Diversey harbor. CPO Gates issued several citations and warnings for snagging in an unauthorized location and not having salmon stamps. CPO Gates educated several fishermen how to use goby’s legally as bait.

CPO Gates assisted CPO Leannah out of Winnebago county regarding a deer investigation. CPO Leannah was able to address the violations with citations and warnings for a younger hunter who was unfamiliar with the hunting laws.

CPO Roesch patrolled Montrose Harbor, Diversey Harbor, Lincoln Park South Lagoon, Belmont Harbor, Burnham Harbor, DuSable Harbor, William Powers State Park, and Jackson Harbor checking sport fisherman catching salmon. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for snagging during a closed season, 8 citations for snagging in an area closed to snagging, and 2 written warnings for fishing without a license.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on I-55 and issued a citation for unlawfully driving on the shoulder.

CPO Roesch checked a youth waterfowl hunter at William Powers State Park. CPO Roesch issued a warning to a man for driving in an area of William Powers currently closed due to youth waterfowl season.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates worked a stand known to have bait. While watching the stand, CPO Gates observed a male subject in the stand, hunting. CPO Gates announced himself and ordered the man to come down from the stand. After a brief discussion, the man admitted to placing the bait. The man was issued citations for Unlawful Take and Hunting Over bait and given a mandatory court date in DuPage County.

Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic received a TIP’s Complaint in reference to an individual in Quincy unlawfully shooting squirrels. The subject was interviewed and admitted to unlawfully shooting the squirrels. The subject was issued a citation for no hunting license and written warnings for wanton waste and hunting too close to an occupied residence.

CPO Blazinic worked several evening nights ranges for the department’s 2020 fall shoot.

CPO Blazinic walked several pieces of property checking for signs of deer baiting.

CPO Blazinic began checking archery deer hunters in/around Adams County as the 2020 deer season began.

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<td>HANCOCK COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Wheatley has been busy training a new CPO and the two of them have stayed busy walking property to look for deer baiting/feeding violations by hunters and patrolling the Mississippi River to ensure guidelines concerning roe harvest season are being adhered to.</td>
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<td>CPO Jansen scouted for bait and located several baited areas in advance of deer season.</td>
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<td>CASS COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Thornley assisted Cass County Sheriff office in searching for a missing hunter who had not returned home as of 11:00 PM. After a search of the area, the hunter was found safe walking in the timber and returned to his vehicle at approximately 2:30 AM. Cass County Sheriff, Ashland Fire Department, Menard County Rescue assisted with the search.</td>
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<td>CPO Thornley was conducting deer enforcement in Mason County in an area known for shining. Approximately 11:10 PM, a truck was slowly traveling down the gravel road and shining flashlights out both side windows. The truck then stopped and searched the field for nearly a minute. A shot was from the vicinity of the truck was then heard. CPO Thornley was able to make contact with the truck and conduct a traffic stop. Three individuals were found in the truck along with an uncased rifle and flashlights. CPO Thornley issued the individuals five citations each and seized the rifle and flashlights.</td>
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SANGAMON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY
CPO Wichern cited a Scott county bow hunter for failing to report his deer harvests to the IDNR.

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

CLARK COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

COLES COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
CPO Hyatt investigated a tip regarding trespassing and possible ginseng hunters. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Hyatt investigated tip from resident farmer regarding a baited deer blind.

DOUGLAS COUNTY
CPO Hyatt assisted Walnut Point SP with removal of abandon watercraft.

CPO Hyatt increased park patrols and with increased attendance on weekends.

EDGAR COUNTY
CPO Hyatt issued multiple warnings to people at Twin Lakes.

CPO Hyatt received a tip regarding a resident who owns wolves, investigation is pending.

CPO Miller issued a citation and multiple warnings to an archery deer hunter for unlawfully hunting on a public highway.

MOULTRIE COUNTY
CPO Barnes attended a Hunter Safety Class in Sullivan.

SHELBY COUNTY
CPO Barnes walked timber checking for baited tree stands.
## 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 Ausmus responded to a complaint of fishermen unlawfully snagging at the Clinton Lake Spillway. CPO Ausmus arrived and observed 3 subjects snagging fish and 2 individuals handling the fish and acting as lookouts. The 5 subjects admitted to snagging several fish. All fish were released, and the subjects were issued citations for snagging in waters closed to snagging.

CPO Ausmus checked several deer hunters on department lands. One subject did not have a hunting license, and one subject did not have tags in possession and failed to immediately tag his harvest. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Ausmus responded to a truck and trailer that had went into Clinton Lake at a boat launch. The boater stated the truck and trailer started to slide into the water when he was trying to load his boat. The vehicle and boat operator both entered the water an attempted to stop the vehicle from sliding. The vehicle was removed, and no injuries were sustained.

CPO G. Anderson conducted boat safety inspections at Clinton Lake. CPO Anderson issued a boater a citation and a warning for violations of a child under 13 years of age not wearing a PFD and no Type IV PFD on board.

CPO G. Anderson issued an archery hunter a written warning for not wearing blaze orange during the youth firearm season.

### 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
CPO Graden received a complaint of illegal hunting in Macon County. The resulting investigation determined, a Decatur man was driving through a farm field attempting to take doves from his truck. Additionally, the hunter did not have permission to be on the property. He was cited for: (1) Hunting by Use / Aid of a Conveyance, (2) Hunting Without Permission, and (3) Unlawful Transportation of an Uncased Firearm.

### MCLEAN COUNTY
CPO Viverito and K9 Hank were requested to aid in locating a possible suicidal subject in Moraine View State Park. Hank was deployed twice and searched cover which would be difficult for ground searches to locate someone. Hank screened approximately 15 acres of search area. The subject was located at a different location unharmed.

### PIATT COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county
VERMILION COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

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 went to the home of a subject who reported a roadkill deer. The deer was a 10-point buck and was found near a pond at a private residence. The CPO inspected the deer and found no signs of poaching or illegal harvest. The deer was a very impressive 10-point buck with large mature antlers and thick bases. A very unique find for the landowner.

MADISON COUNTY
CPO Liebl and CPO French conducted surveillance on a baited stand in a State hunting area. After several days of watching the area, CPO French was able to catch 2 hunters at the baited area. Several citations and warnings were issued for the numerous violations discovered.

CPO Ray worked Sport Fish Enforcement at Horseshoe Lake State Park. CPO Ray worked Sport Fishing along the Mississippi River. Wildlife Deer Enf.

MONROE COUNTY
For the fourth straight year, CPO Schachner, Captain Manker, CPO Anderson and Sgt Wollgast teamed up with Illinois Trappers Association to teach/conduct trapping training for 18 new CPO Recruits and IDNR personnel. The training took place at Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area and consisted of five full days of “in the field/hands on” trapping enforcement and equipment/furbearer familiarization.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
While on patrol during the opening week of bow season, CPO Gerdes and CPOT Binsbacher located two baited deer stands. The following morning both CPO’s checked the area and found two hunters using the stands. The hunters were contacted, and citations were issued for hunting over bait.

CPO Ray worked Migratory Bird and Sport Fishing along the Kaskaskia River, Peabody River King and Baldwin Fish and Wildlife Area. Wildlife Deer Enf.

CPO Schachner was exiting a dead-end road at a Fish and Wildlife Area when a male subject in a pickup truck passed him. A variety of items were in the bed of the truck and CPO Schachner suspected the subject possibly intended to
illegally dump the items on the State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Schachner parked his squad near the entrance and walked back thru timber to the dead-end to covertly observe the subject. The subject dumped a wheelchair and another small item and then sat for a short time before leaving. CPO Schachner was on foot but was able to conduct a stop of the vehicle. CPO Schachner obtained the subject's identification and learned the subject was also a suspended driver. The offender then ignored CPO Schachner’s commands and proceeded to flee in the motor vehicle which was recently stolen. A felony arrest warrant will be sought through St. Clair Co States Attorney’s office.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY
CPO Jourdan handled an assault and battery complaint at Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park. Three women were involved in a fight at the campground. Injuries were documented and statements taken from all involved. The case will be referred to the Franklin County State’s Attorney for review on charges.

CPO Jourdan issued a citation to a man for failure to wear blaze orange clothing during the youth firearm season. The man was accompanied by his son who was hunting and also not wearing blaze orange.

CPO Haggerty and CPOT Kater while on patrol, observed a timber truck loaded with logs. We conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. The driver was found to have a suspended driver’s license. A citation was issued, and a valid driver was contacted to remove the vehicle.

GALLATIN COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

HARDIN COUNTY
CPO Wilkinson responded to an active break in and entry with State Troopers and Hardin County Deputies. The home was cleared, and no suspects were founded. Hardin County is handling the investigation.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

PERRY COUNTY
CPO Lewis performed a compliance check on a deer hunter at Pyramid State Recreation Area. He discovered the hunter had forfeited his privileges to hunt the area when he did not report his Windshield Card harvest information as required. Additionally, the hunter had harvested a three-point buck. Pyramid is a trophy management area, and a buck must have a minimum of four points on one side. CPO Lewis cited the hunter for hunting the area after forfeiting his privileges and taking the three-pointer.

SALINE COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county
### WHITE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

### District 15 – Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe

**Counts: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion Richland, Wabash & Wayne**

#### CLAY COUNTY

CPO Willand was contacted about a hunter harassment complaint in Clay County. CPO Willand met with the complainant who was able to identify the suspect and provide video evidence as well as a written statement documenting the events that took place. CPO Willand along with Clay County Sheriff’s Deputies made contact with the suspect who was cited for Disorderly Conduct and Hunter Interference. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Clay County Jail.

Officer Paul Smith and officer Hyatt issued a citation to Gena Eade for falsification of records to obtain free landowner deer permits. She admitted to filling out landowner applications for her two children who haven’t lived with her for over 8 years and signing the applications for them as we

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a complaint of a subject digging ginseng on their property without permission. Subject was located and issued citation for digging ginseng without permission

CPO Willand was patrolling northern Crawford county when he encountered an Indiana nonresident deer hunter. Through further investigation it was discovered the individual had placed deer bait/attractant on the property which he was hunting. After interviewing the suspect and walking the ground in question with the suspect, CPO Willand cited the individual for unlawful placement of deer bait/attractant. The individual was also written a warning for failure to immediately tag a harvested white tail deer previously shot on October 1st.

#### EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Skelton Patrolled Wabash county in efforts to enforce the wildlife code.

#### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith was notified by CPO Roper of an individual in Fayette County trespassing on property he did not have permission to be. CPO Roper received information from retired CPO Captain Tim Daiber who advised that a suspicious vehicle had been seen in the neighborhood the last two days. The vehicle was described as a white in color Pontiac G6. Upon contact with CPO Roper CPO Smith was briefed on the current incident. CPO Roper stated to CPO Smith that he observed ginseng root particles (hairs) on the back seat of the suspect vehicle. CPO Roper then left the area and I stood by for approximately 1 hour until the person driving the vehicle came out of a wooded area. CPO Smith approached and identified himself as a conservation police officer. The subject was carrying a white bag and a shovel. CPO Smith asked him to hand him both items along with identification. Inside the bag CPO Smith found ginseng root and golden seal root. CPO Smith issued 2 citations for trespassing to harvest ginseng to the subject.

#### JASPER COUNTY

Officer Hyatt has been conducting multiple deer investigations for possible bait for the upcoming deer season.
**LAWRENCE COUNTY**
CPO Taylor received a complaint of subjects leaving their bank poles on the river with the hooks out of the water approximately 6 feet. The subject was located and issued citation for failure to check bank poles every 24 hours.

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

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

**WABASH COUNTY**
CPO Skelton Patrolled Wabash county in efforts to enforce the wildlife code.

**WAYNE COUNTY**
Officer Hyatt participated in night shoot training at 10-mile creek shooting complex.

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**
CPO Vasicek and CPOT Zigler assisted with the location of an elderly subject lost in a very remote, rugged area of the Shawnee National Forest. Subject located and brought out to awaiting EMTs for evaluation.

**JACKSON COUNTY**
CPO Somers arrested cited individuals for unlawfully archery deer hunting by the aid and use of bait.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**
CPO Wilkinson responded to an assist with State Police regarding a criminal trespass complaint. CPO Wilkinson arrived first on scene and made contact with the property owner; it was determined that individuals were founded taking parts off his cars. CPO Wilkinson attempted to make contact with the suspects. While approaching, the suspects fled on foot through the woods. CPO Wilkinson was able to run down one of the subjects and apprehend them. State Police arrived and assisted. The stolen property and charges will be handled by Johnson County.

**MASSAC COUNTY**
CPO Wolf arrested a Kentucky female for DUI. The woman’s BAC was double the legal limit.

CPO Wolf cited a Massac County man for falsification of DNR records. The man had been receiving free landowner permits for property in Clay County while living in Metropolis.

CPO Wolf cited a Chicago man for bow hunting over bait.

CPO Wolf issued a written warning to a Metropolis man for bow hunting during the youth firearm season without wearing proper blaze orange.
POPE COUNTY
CPO Wilkinson has been conducting archery hunting compliance checks. Several successful hunters have been founded and deer have properly been tagged and reported.

CPO Wilkinson responded to a vehicle fire at the local gas station. The fire was put out by the occupants and the vehicle was pushed away from the pumps. No injuries occurred.

PULASKI COUNTY
CPO Vasicek and CPOT Zigler located and cited several adults with multiple archery deer hunting violations on Cypress National Wildlife Refuge during the youth firearm deer season.

CPO Wolf checked multiple youth hunters and found them all to be in compliance.

UNION COUNTY
Nothing to report for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
CPO Johnson trained CPOs on defensive tactics and firearms qualification.

CPO Johnson and CPO Teas were notified of paint on the tunnel hill trail. The subject painted vulgar and offensive comments inside the tunnel hill cave. The CPO’s conducted an intensive investigation and found evidence which led to four subjects. The subjects confessed and charges are pending.