



# 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 August 29 through September 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 cited a Rock Falls woman on the Mississippi River Pool 13 for not having lifejackets on her boat. She was issued a warning for no throwable device.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri patrolled Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area and issued written warnings for speeding violations. **SLOW DOWN IN STATE PARKS!**

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoftender cited a Clinton man for speeding on Illinois Route 84. The man was cited for 71mph in 55mph zone.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

CPO Beltran was on foot patrol checking dove hunters. Several site specific violations were discovered.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPO McKune made 1 DUI arrest. The subject was issued 4 citations including illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO McKune made the arrest of 2 subjects illegally hunting deer from their vehicle at night. The two arrested subjects were found to be using lights at night in attempt to locate and harvest deer and had 1 uncased crossbow with an arrow knocked as well as 2 uncased firearms in the vehicle. Upon a search of the vehicle, the subjects were found to be in possession of 5 illegally taken doves as well. Multiple other violations were discovered. The firearms, crossbow and doves were seized as evidence. A total of 20 citations and 15 warnings were issued to the violators regarding this incident.

#### **OGLE COUNTY**

CPO Beltran was on ATV patrol checking upland game hunters. Violations for over limit, habitat stamp and others were observed.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko was fueling up his squad in Rapids City IL. ISP dispatched the CPO to assist an ISP Trooper with a subject illegally walking on I-80 eastbound on the Rock River bridge. The CPO could hear the subject yelling during the Trooper's radio transmissions. The subject was combative, non-compliant and on the bridge itself creating a dangerous situation. The CPO immediately responded to assist the Trooper. The subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken into custody without incident. The subject believed he was in the State of IA (not IL), didn't believe he was on the Rock River bridge, informed officers on scene that he was making a citizen's arrest on them etc. The subject was believed to have mental health issues and not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. The situation was resolved without the subject, officers or passing motorist being harmed.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoftender assisted with sonar operations looking for a subject who drown at Lake Summerset.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Kyle Williams checked dove hunters at Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area. Throughout the checks it was determined 6 hunters were in violation of use or possession of lead shot while dove hunting. Citations were issued to the hunters.

CPO Peecher made arrest on suspect in reckless jet ski case with 3 citations issued; CPO Peecher has issued 5 WW for boating violations

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire  
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Stanbary responded to the report of a capsized boat at Barto's Landing in Spring Valley. A small jon-boat had capsized in the Illinois River channel after the operator reported that the bow of the boat plunged underwater when he powered up his 6 HP motor. It's suspected that the 11 ft. boat was overloaded and became unstable due to excessive rain water inside. Both occupants were aided to shore by another boater. No injuries or damage was reported.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks at Lasalle Lake when he encountered two fishermen utilizing more than two devices. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Stanbary assisted with traffic control at Starved Rock State Park on Labor Day. The busy park was temporarily shut down due to overcrowding. While on a foot patrol inside the park, CPO Stanbary cited two separate individuals for consuming/possessing alcohol in a restricted area. A hiker was cited for being off trail after being found climbing inside one of the canyons for a photo. Multiple warnings were issued to fisherman inside the park who were found fishing without licenses. Another park goer was issued a civil cannabis violation after he was discovered smoking cannabis in a public place.

CPO Kiprono observed a vehicle parked in an area posted as "Do Not Enter" at the horseback campground area of Matthiessen State Park. Two individuals, male and female, from Aurora were walking down the horseback campground trails after climbing over gates restricting access to the trail with a bright orange sign stating, "PARK CLOSED". This area was closed because of storm damage and is unsafe for visitors. Upon contact, I could smell a strong odor of marijuana. The male stated, he was not going to go in the actual park (after he was already in the actual park), but just wanted to stretch his legs and smoke. The violations were addressed.

CPO Workman was checking dove hunters at field 4, located near the south entrance of Starved Rock SP. While checking his first hunter, CPO Workman heard 4 consecutive shots coming from the opposite side of the field. CPO Workman continued checking hunters and came across a hunter using a shotgun containing 5 shells. CPO Workman issued a citation.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks at the Rockton Dam when he encountered 3 fishermen taking sport fish by illegal methods. The fishermen were also in possession of live injurious species. Citations and written warnings were issued. CPO Leannah and CPO Alvarez-Gerbino were conducting sport fishing checks at Blackhawk Park in Rockford when Leannah came into contact with a fisherman without a license. Upon further investigation it was learned that the man was a violent sexual predator. The subject was arrested and confined at Winnebago County Jail for being in a public park as a violent sexual predator. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks at Rockton Dam on the Rock River. During his checks he encountered a group of fishermen with no sport fishing licenses and were in possession of a smallmouth bass under 14 inches. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino was on routine patrol at Rock Cut State Park when he found multiple people in violation of no alcoholic beverages in a posted area. Citations were issued.

CPO Murry along with CPO Alvarez, CPO Leannah, and CPO Hoftender conducted sonar operations on Lake Summerset to attempt to locate a drowning victim. After two days of utilizing sonar, the drowning victim was located and recovered.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson continues to investigate a trespassing and dumping complaint in rural Fulton County.

CPO Thompson located two male subjects fishing in a restricted location at Canton Lake. CPOs made contact and issued two written warnings for trespass and fishing without permission.

CPO Thompson investigated a complaint of trespass and fishing without permission. Upon identifying suspects, CPO Thompson conducted interviews and received confessions and written warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Brad Thompson, CPO Jarrod Elliott and CPO Shafer McKune conducted a waterfowl enforcement detail on the Mississippi River. At the conclusion of the detail, CPOs issued 8 citations for wildlife code violations including use of unplugged shotguns, attempt to take teal prior to sunrise, possession of lead shot, and failure to maintain separate bag. An additional citation was issued for failing to have PFDs on board. During one check, CPOs identified a group of hunters exuding excessive nervousness throughout the compliance check. Upon searching the vessel, CPOs located cannabis (wax and dried product), paraphernalia, and an additional controlled substance. Two additional citations were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott investigated a man for unlawful possession of live raccoons. Upon interview, the man admitted to the possession and written warnings were issued.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott investigated a complaint of unlawful operation of a UTV at Argyle Lake. CPO Elliot received a confession and issued several written warnings.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard and CPO Lazzell conducted multiple Waterfowl enforcement details in District 7 resulting in 13 hunters being cited for waterfowl hunting violations. Citations included multiple counts of unlawful take of waterfowl during closed season (Wood Ducks & Northern Shovelers) and hunting before legal shooting hours. 11 written warnings were also issued for additional hunting violations.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Lazzell Region 1 District 7 checked kayaks on the Mackinaw river. They issued 2 citations for no lifejackets and several warnings for fish and boat violations.

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 unlawful deer permit activity from the 2019 season. CPO Iaffaldano conducted multiple boat patrols resulting in 6 tickets and 7 written warnings for: safety violations, equipment violations, and abandonment of watercraft on public waters.

#### **LAKE COUNTY**

CPO Kelley, while working at IBSP, discovered a subject with a smoking pipe and Cannabis. The subject received a civil law violation.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject at the McHenry Dam catching panfish with a cast net. A citation was issued for a crappie and a written warning for three small bluegill.

CPO Davis investigated an attempted theft/ criminal damage to property at the Illinois Beach State Park permit booth. The perpetrator threw a large rock through the window and gained access to the building. While opening the window they were cut leave blood evidence. The safe was attempted to be opened, but was unsuccessful. There was nothing taken, but blood evidence was taken and logged into the IDNR evidence facility.

CPOs Kelley and Davis conducted a small lakes patrol in Lake County on West Loon, East Loon and Round Lake. More than one dozen vessels were inspected for safety equipment and fishing compliance (where applicable). 2 citations and 7 written warnings were issued.

CPO Reid arrested a subject at the Chain O' Lakes state park for driving with a suspended license.

CPO Semenik arrested two subjects at the Chain O' Lakes state park for illegal possession of open alcohol in a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with no valid license, and possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

#### **MCHENRY COUNTY**

CPO Semenik stopped a vehicle in unincorporated McHenry county for unlawful parking in the middle of the roadway. Upon approaching the vehicle he observed the male and female subject in a compromising situation and both were subsequently arrested for public indecency, possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle.

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

#### **GRUNDY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **KANKAKEE COUNTY**

CPO Farber received a illegal dumping complaint from the St Anne Township Road Commissioner Thomas Cotton. A concerned citizen of the township located evidence within the trash pile that identified the violator. A field interview was conducted at the residence of the violator and a confession was obtained. The violator was issued a citation and a mandatory court date.

#### **KENDALL COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

WILL COUNTY

While conducting a boating safety check on a river in Will County, CPO Prasun observed a boat causing a wake in a posted no wake zone. The operator was operating the boat without a safety cut-off lanyard, and did not have the required number of personal floatation devices for the amount of people on board. Enforcement action was taken and the operator was educated on Illinois' boating laws.

While checking dove hunters in the field, CPO Prasun encountered a dove hunter who did not have a habitat stamp and did not have his hunting license in his possession. . Enforcement action was taken and the hunter was educated on Illinois' hunting licensing laws.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Kusta and CPO Gates investigated a complaint regarding a wildlife control companies facility in northern Cook County. The company was alleged to have foul odors coming from the business and was not believed to be licensed. CPO Kusta and CPO Gates went to the business and did not locate any evidence of a foul odor and everyone on site had valid permits.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement along a southern Cook County river. CPO Kusta observed 2 people on a kayak fishing. CPO Kusta contacted the two subjects and learned there was no personal floatation devices on board and the one subject was 11 years old. CPO Kusta advised them to head back to shore and took enforcement action for not having a personal floatation device on a child under the age of 13.

CPO Kusta conducted a boat registration inspection in Cook County. The inspection was on an old aluminum V-bottom rowboat. CPO Kusta inspected the boat which had no markings or Hull Identification Number. CPO Kusta documented owner and boat on the inspection form. CPO Kusta provided the owner with the inspection form to submit to the watercraft department when the boat is registered.

CPO Kusta and CPO Roundcount conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. CPO Kusta operated the patrol boat while CPO Roundcount addressed any violations of the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

CPO Williams worked a boat launch detail. He patrolled Alsip and Worth public boat launches. Numerous boat safety inspections were conducted as boaters returned to the docks. A few of the boats had minor safety equipment violations. Necessary enforcement action was taken and operators were educated on the importance of the required safety equipment.

CPO Williams worked a boat patrol with CPO Roundcount and Sgt. Mooi on Lake Michigan and Chicago River. Numerous boats were stopped for violations. Vessels were boarded and boat safety inspections were conducted.

CPO Williams observed a tender boat in Burnham Harbor with five individuals. The operator advised there were no PFDs onboard. Enforcement action was taken and the operator was educated on the importance of PFDs.

CPO Williams boarded a vessel in 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor. The owner/operator had no registration numbers or registration expiration sticker displayed. A boat safety inspection was conducted and enforcement action was taken on the registration violation.

CPO Williams, CPO Roundcount and Sgt. Mooi heard a call on the marine band radio for a man overboard around 95<sup>th</sup> Street Harbor [Calumet Park]. CPOs and Sergeant responded by land to 95<sup>th</sup> and searched the shoreline at the park. 87<sup>th</sup> street shoreline was also searched by CPOs. CPO Williams called the captain of the boat and decided to meet at Hammond Marina [Indiana]. CPOs and Sergeant interviewed passengers onboard the boat. Investigation is still pending.

CPO McClenning went on boat patrol on the Chicago river. Enforcement action included a PFD violation.

CPO Roesch checked sport fisherman at Papoose Lake, Des Plaines River, Lemont Quarries, Belmont Harbor, Monroe Harbor, and William Powers State Park. 4 individuals were found fishing without a license. Citation and warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch investigated a complaint of an individual setting traps in their backyard. CPO Roesch educated the individual on Illinois trapping laws and issued a warning for illegally attempting to trap rabbits.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on a car driving 103 and weaving through traffic. Citation was issued. CPO Roesch assisted Illinois State Police with a traffic crash in the left lane of I-290.

CPO Roesch and Sgt. Mooi conducted a boat patrol assisting Chicago Police Marine Unit look for a missing person in the water of Lake Michigan.

CPO Roesch, CPO McClenning, and Sgt. Mooi conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. CPO Roesch performed 18 vessel inspections. CPO Roesch issued a citation to an individual for improper number of personal floatation devices. CPO Roesch issued 3 written warnings to individuals for violation of a no wake zone.

CPO Gates and Kusta invested a complaint about a trapping service located in Schaumburg. We arrived at the location and inspected the facility and records. The investigation is on going.

CPO Gates was performing sport fish enforcement and busse woods when he encountered a man and woman fishing. The two did not have fishing licenses. CPO Gates discovered the female had an order of protection against the male subject she was with. CPO Gates confirmed the OP through ISP and placed the man under arrest without incident. The man was brought to Maybrook lock up for processing where he was fingerprinted, cited for violation of the OP, a written warning for no fishing license and given a mandatory court date in October, and released on an I-bond.

CPO Gates patrolled William powers state park. 3 warnings were issued to individuals with no valid sport fishing license. 2 vessel inspections were performed. No violations found.

CPO Gates patrolled Jeans road, Worth, Alsip, and Western boat launches. 1 citation was issued to a jet skier for creating a wake in a no wake zone. The same jet skier was given a verbal warning before launch that his son, who was born in 2002, would not be able to use the jetski without his fathers direct supervision since the son had not completed the required Boaters Ed.

While doing boat ramp patrol, CPO Gates inspected 9 vessels. Verbal warnings were issued to boats not in compliance with the boating laws of Illinois. The boaters either went out to purchase the required equipment to safely and lawfully start their voyage or did not launch their boats. The verbal warnings included no throwable life preserver, battery not secured, terminals not covered, no sounding device, and no fire extinguisher.

CPO Gates was on boat patrol on the Chicago river along with CPO Swindle. 7 boat inspections were performed and minor infractions were issued verbal warnings. A vessel stop was conducted on a charter boat that has been running charters without a valid passenger for hire license. The Captain/Owner of the boat has been stopped by our agency on previous occasions and told he must have physical possession of the permit before he can operate as a Charter. The

Captain was arrested and charged with operating a charter boat without a license. He was given a mandatory court date and released on an I-Bond.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling the Chicago River by boat. Two individuals were observed paddling a canoe without life jackets. A boat stop was initiated on the canoe. The two individuals claimed they had life jackets and held up a couple throwable seat cushions. CPO Roundcount advised them those are not life jackets. One individual offered to show how he could wear the seat cushion like a life jacket. CPO Roundcount told the individual to try it. The individual looked at the seat cushion then decided against putting it on. The individual was issued a citation and given two spare life jackets.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling the Chicago River by boat. A boat with expired Wisconsin registration was stopped. The owner of the boat stated he had registered the boat in Illinois and it was valid. The HIN was ran through State Police Dispatch and returned expired in 2009. The owner was issued a citation.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling the Chicago River by boat. A boat was travelling in an area known for vessels violating the "no wake" zone. The boat was creating a wake and did not slow down as it passed the police boat. A boat stop as initiated and enforcement action was taken.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling William Powers State Park. A fisherman did not have his license. Enforcement action was taken

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling William Powers State Park. A fisherman had caught a Walleye which was dead on a stringer. The Walleye was 13 ¼" which is shorter than the 14" limit posted 10 feet from where the fisherman was located. The fisherman did not have an Illinois fishing license. The fisherman was cited.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was Patrolling Lake Michigan with Sgt. Mooi and CPO Z. Williams. At this time, Lake Michigan had advisory warnings to avoid the Lake due to a storm approaching the area creating gale force winds and large waves. An open 17 foot pleasure boat was observed with more people than area to sit. This force two individuals to sit on the rear of the boat near the swim platform. Unless a boat is anchored all persons need to be inside the boat. A boat stop was made on the vessel. We counted the number of people (15) and checked the capacity plate (limit: 11). We had the boat dock at Navy Pier and made at least four people exited the boat. The owner/operator of the boat was issued a citation for operation of an overloaded boat/over capacity plate. The operator was reminded of the fatal boat accident the previous month where a similar style boat was overloaded leading the boat to capsize.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling Lake Michigan with Sgt. Mooi and CPO Z. Williams. Twenty minutes after sunset a PWC was observed travelling south along the shore of Lake Michigan. We stopped the PWC and told him to go to his dock. We escorted the PWC to his dock a couple miles away. The operator was aware he could not operator after sunset and stated he was heading back when we stopped him. A citation was issued for operation of a PWC after sunset.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling Lake Michigan with Sgt. Mooi and CPO Z. Williams. Two PWCs were checked as the owner pulled them out of the water. One of the PWCs did not have a functioning fire extinguisher and the owner had no proof of applying for the watercraft registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on I-94 for driving on the shoulder; citation was issued.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park. One fisherman had a beer in a prohibited state park. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle in the state park w/o a registration plate and the driver was suspended. Citation was issued for driving suspended and warning for no rear registration plate.

CPO Roesch checked sport fisherman at Tampier Lake, Papoose Lake, Des Plaines River, Lemont Quarries, Belmont Harbor, Montrose Harbor, and William Powers State Park. 8 individuals were found fishing without a license. Citation and warnings were issued.

CPO Gates arrested a Charter boat Captain for operating an unlicensed Charter boat. He and another captain that were operating both of their vessels in the fleet were issued citations and given a mandatory court date.

CPO Gates made two traffic stops while traveling to conduct waterfowl enforcement. Both drivers were issued warnings for speed violations.

CPO Gates assisted with a 10-50 off IL-53 ramp to I90east. Red SUV rolled and went into the ditch. CPO Gates radioed for fire and ambulance. Schaumburg fire arrived on scene, followed by ISP. CPO checked for injuries after arriving on scene. None were immediate.

CPO Gates did a snagging detail at Montrose, Diversey, and Belmont harbors. No snagging was observed. A written warning was issued to a woman who had a Coho salmon but no salmon stamp. She has never had a fishing license in Illinois since this year and said she was new to fishing and was unaware of a Salmon stamp. The woman purchased a salmon stamp after receiving her written warning.

CPO Gates patrolled William powers state park. 4 written warnings were issued to various individuals for fishing with more than 2 devices, not having the required boating equipment, or not having a valid fishing license.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at a Chicago harbor. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman and requested his fishing license. The fisherman presented a valid sportfishing license, but also presented a short smallmouth bass. Lake Michigan regulations require smallmouth bass to be 21 inches, but this fisherman had a 13-inch smallmouth bass. CPO Kusta took enforcement action on the fisherman and seized the short fish.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at a Chicago Harbor. CPO Kusta observed a young fisherman fishing and requested his sportfishing license. The young fisherman presented CPO Kusta with an Indiana sportfishing license. CPO Kusta inquired as to why the young fisherman didn't have an Illinois fishing. The young fisherman advised CPO Kusta he thought it was universal like a driver's license. CPO Kusta educated the young fisherman on Illinois fishing laws and issued him a written warning,

CPO Kusta was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding a baby rabbit trapped in a window well in southwest Cook County. CPO Kusta arrived at the residence and was able to safely rescue the rabbit from the window well. CPO Kusta determined the rabbit was uninjured and old enough to release back on its own. CPO Kusta released the rabbit safely away from all window wells.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at Chicago Harbors. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman snagging out of season and in control of a snagging device out of season. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and issued a citation for snagging out of season.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at a Chicago lagoon. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman actively and requested their sportfishing license. The fisherman was unable to produce a valid sportfishing license. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman on Illinois law and documented the violation.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount and CPO Kusta were patrolling the Chicago Lake Front. An individual was observed fishing near the opening of Belmont Harbor. The fisherman did not have a fishing license nor has ever purchased a fishing license. The fisherman was walked through how to purchase a fishing license online and issued a written warning after purchasing a fishing license.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount and CPO Kusta were patrolling the Chicago Lake Front. While conducting surveillance of a known fish poaching location, a fisherman was observed snagging. The officers snuck up to the fisherman and caught him with a snagging hook attached to his pole line. Another fisherman walked away at a rapid pace. The officers caught up with the second fisherman who had a broken line. The fisherman claimed his line got snagged causing him to cut the line. But he was definitely not snagging. Conveniently, a neon green fishing line, matching the broken line on the fishing pole, was caught on some plants along the bank. The line extended out into the water and was pulled in. Attached to the fishing line was a snag hook. Both individuals were issued citations for control of snagging equipment outside of snagging season.

In Cook County, CPO Roundcount was patrolling William Powers State Park. A vehicle was observed travelling significantly faster than the posted 15mph limit. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle. The driver was a 16 year old with a learner's permit. The passenger was a 16 year old without a license. The driver was issued a citation for driving without a driver's license. The car was parked until a valid driver could take control of vehicle.

#### DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Kusta conducted a boat registration inspection in DuPage County. The inspection was due to the title having the incorrect length and the owner wanted to make sure it was corrected. CPO Kusta documented the owner and boats information along with measuring the watercraft. It was determined the length was off by 4 feet. CPO Kusta approved the registration to be corrected and provided the owner with the proper documentation to submit to the department.

### **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 instructed a hunter safety class in Paloma, approximately 45 students in attendance.

CPO Blazinic handled a boat accident involving a commercial tug boat pushing barges. The tug boat pulled away from the shore and the tug's wheel wash pushed an unmanned pontoon boat into a dock. The tug's wheel wash damaged the pontoon and dock upwards of \$3,000 dollars. Illinois Conservation Police and United States Coast Guard are investigating.

CPO Blazinic closed an unlawful use of weapons by a felon case. The subject plead guilty to unlawfully hunting deer after legal shooting hours, unlawfully hunting without a valid deer permit and unlawfully falsifying deer harvest check-in records for a total fine of \$1060.80 The original unlawful use of weapons by a felon charge was combined with (2) two other charges the suspect committed while on bond. Criminal trespass to residence and resisting / obstructing a police officer. The suspect received (3) three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

CPO Blazinic has been working on the fall central zone firearms schedule and scheduling CPO's for firearms training.

CPO Blazinic issued a subject an unlawfully feeding / making food available for deer citation for unlawfully scattering kernel corn in his field.

CPO Blazinic while checking fishermen for compliance located a subject wanted on a failure to appear warrant from Adams County for Driving on a Revoked Driver's License. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Adams County Jail.

CPO Blazinic made a commercial fishing without a license case on the Mississippi River Pool #22. The subject was commercial fishing without a commercial fishing license, did not have his commercial devices tagged and was not keeping commercial fishing records. Multiple citations were issued.

**BROWN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**CALHOUN COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**GREENE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**JERSEY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**

CPO Gushleff was conducting an August boat patrol of Otter Lake in Macoupin County with CPO Olroyd. The CPO's came across many boats and fishermen during the patrol.

2 citations were issued for fishing violations, and several boating written warnings were issued for minor boating infractions.

CPO Gushleff is investigating a theft at a taxidermist in Macoupin County. An unknown subject went to the taxidermist and claimed he was someone else. He took another hunter's deer rack, and then left the store without paying when the taxidermist was busy dealing with other customers.

CPO Gushleff and Olroyd conducted several summer boat patrols on the IL and Mississippi Rivers. Various boating violations were addressed with citations and written warnings.

**PIKE COUNTY**

CPO Jansen and CPO Olroyd patrolled the IL River and issued 3 citations for fishing violations and 5 written warnings for boating equipment violations.

**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 Thornley conducted migratory game bird enforcement. CPO Thornley checked several dove hunters. CPO Thornley issued written warnings for no HIP number and a citation was issued to a hunter who was unlawfully using lead shot on state park property. Two hunters were issued written warnings for failing to check into state site prior to hunting.

CPO Wahlbrink cited an individual for hunting doves in a sunflower field near a large pile of corn.

CPO Wahlbrink cited a dove hunter at Jim Edgar Panther Creek for using shotshells with toxic shot.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink performed a fishing compliance check on a woman who he observed fishing from the bank of the Sangamon River. She stated she purchased a license this year, but she didn't have it with her. The online database revealed the woman had not purchased a fishing license in four years. She was cited for fishing without a license.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley assisted Menard County Sheriff's Dept. with a vehicle accident on Gudgel Road. The vehicle left the roadway and became fully engulfed. No injuries were reported.

CPO Wahlbrink investigated a complaint of an individual who had been letting his dogs run freely on the trails at New Salem. The individual had been asked numerous times by other park goers as well as DNR staff to keep his dogs on leashes. CPO Wahlbrink went to the individual's residence and was denied a confession. The individual claimed no evidence could be found against him. CPO Wahlbrink returned to the individual's residence a few days later with a packet full of witness statements (kept anonymous) corroborating that many park visitors had been approached by the loose dogs and felt threatened. The individual was cited for the offense.

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Thornley and CPO Snodgrass conducted recreational boat enforcement of Lake Springfield. Several vessels were inspected. Five Written Warnings were issued for various equipment violations.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 11 – Sgt. Dan Greuel**

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Hyatt got a tip from Marshall PD regarding people trespassing with the possibility of stealing ginseng off private and state property

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Robinson man one written warning for no fishing license. Issued an Indiana man two written warnings for unnumbered watercraft and no sounding device on board his boat.

CPO Hyatt patrolled Lake Mattoon for their annual firework celebration.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Toledo woman one citation for no fishing license, and two written warnings for failure to notify SOS of address change and driving suspended. Issued a Mattoon man multiple written warnings for boating equipment violations.

CPO Hyatt has had multiple reports of injured or sick owl in the area, information has been passed along biologist.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted Walnut Point SP staff in setting up multiple cameras and lights in efforts to catch people trespassing and vandalizing abandoned property.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Paris man and woman each written warnings for no fishing license.

CPO Hyatt assisted Edgar Co with a vehicular fatality.

CPO Hyatt came in contact with what could possibly be a feral hog while out searching for teal hunters. Information was passed along to local biologist and patrols around area will increase until more information or hogs are found.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Cissna Park man two written warnings for PFD violations.

CPO Moody arrested a Mattoon man on a Coles County warrant for criminal damage to property while checking fishermen on the Kaskaskia river

CPO Barnes cited 2 Decatur subjects for illegally shooting a pintail and 3 wood ducks during teal season.

CPO Hyatt investigated a boat accident/single vessel fire that happened sometime throughout the evening on Lake Shelbyville. Investigation is still pending.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Shelbyville man two citations for hunting ginseng out of season, and trespass to harvest ginseng on Army Corps of Engineers property. In addition, the subject was written one written warning for no valid ginseng harvester's license.

CPO Barnes assisted several agencies in the search for two subjects who eluded on a traffic stop and hid in a corn field.

CPO Barnes assisted Moweaqua PD in the search of a missing suicidal subject. The subject's phone was pinged and we located him, disarmed him and he was taken to the hospital for evaluation. CPO Barnes cited 3 subjects for hunting dove over a baited field.

**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

Nothing to report for this county

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 Reeves made an arrest of a male juvenile in Macon County. After conducting a traffic stop, the juvenile fled from CPO Reeves in his vehicle. CPO Reeves later located the juvenile at a residence in Decatur. The Juvenile proceeded to resist and fight CPO Reeves and other responding officers. The male subject was taken to the Decatur Police Department where he was processed and charged with traffic violations including DUI. Pending charges include aggravated battery to a peace officer, fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest and aggravated DUI.

MCLEAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Sanford investigated the complaint of an individual purportedly harvesting Ginseng during a closed period from State lands, where prohibited. Upon completion of the investigation, CPO Sanford discovered the individual to be in possession of over three lbs. of dried Ginseng root, which was illegally harvested from both private and State lands over the course of 2019 and 2020. After inspecting the seized Ginseng root, CPO Sanford also discovered the individual had harvested numerous immature roots, well under the 10-year-old age class required by Illinois regulation. After reviewing the individual's license history, CPO Sanford noted the individual had not purchased their 2019 Ginseng Harvester License until three days after the legal harvest season had closed. The individual was issued three citations and multiple written warnings for the violations and the Ginseng root was seized as evidence.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling in excess of 90 MPH, in a 70 MPH zone. CPO Sanford conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and issued the driver a citation for the speeding infraction.

## **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 Ray Enforced Sport Fishing Regulations and Recreational Boating at Carlyle Lake and issued citations for snagging, fishing without a license, and lifejacket violations.

CPO Macias along with US Army Corp of Engineer Rangers responded to a boat that was underwater near the Eldon Hazlet Campgrounds in Carlyle Lake. A check on the registration determined the last owner was residing in Florida with an expiration date of 1996. No missing persons or boat accidents were reported in the area. CPO Macias began combing the campgrounds and launch parking lots for empty boat trailers and found none. The following day a local boat towing service was called in to remove the boat since it began to spill fuel and oil into the lake. After the boat was on shore a wallet was discovered in a compartment. A quick check of the camper list showed the owner was still in the campgrounds. The owner was located and the CPO asked why he had not reported the sunken vessel. The owner did not have an answer. The owner received a citation and had to reimburse the boat towing company for the tow.

#### **MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Ray work Migratory Bird Enforcement at Horseshoe Lake State Park and issued multiple citations for failure to sign in, hunting a restricted area, no HIP number and unplugged shotgun holding 5 shells. CPO Ray worked Sport Fishing along the Mississippi River issued citations for fishing without a license.

CPO French worked dove hunters, teal hunters and goose hunters in Madison County. No Violations found.

#### **MONROE COUNTY**

CPO Schachner was working a late shift in Monroe County in the Mississippi river bottoms when he located several coon hunters training their dogs. Hunting of raccoons is currently closed, however coon hunters are permitted to train their dogs as long as they do not possess a firearm or ammunition. CPO Schachner covertly observed the coon hunters (who were utilizing an ATV) and observed they possessed a firearm. Upon stopping the hunters, CPO Schachner also determined they possessed ammunition for the rifle. Both subjects were cited for possession of firearm/ammunition while training coonhounds.

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

CPO Lentz issued citations to 4 subjects at Lake Lou Yaeger for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

#### **RANDOLPH COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

While patrolling the levee district along the Mississippi River, CPO Gerdes checked a group of teal hunters near Cahokia. It was discovered the one of the hunters had an unplugged shotgun and another was using lead shot. Both hunters were cited for the violations.

CPO Gerdes also assisted an officer from the Terminal Railroad Police Department with removing two subjects who were trespassing on railroad property near East St. Louis.

CPO Ray worked sport fishing and enforced boating laws along the Kaskaskia River, Peabody River King and Baldwin Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPO Schachner and CPO Gerdes worked a baited dove field in rural St. Clair County. The location required both officers to walk extensive distances and expend considerable time and energy to document the violations and apprehend the violators. Three subjects were cited for unlawfully hunting doves with aid of bait and two of those subjects received a second citation for prior violations of hunting doves with bait. A fourth subject was cited for placement of bait within the large gravel lot that was being hunted. Investigation revealed the subjects hunted doves with bait and baited the area every dove season for several decades.

CPO Schachner was fueling his squad at a gas station when an intoxicated subject parked by the gas station entrance asked CPO Schachner to talk to his dogs. The subject then drove beside CPO Schachner to ask a question about his hunting and fishing license. CPO Schachner answered the man's question and then conducted field sobriety testing on the subject. The man exhibited impairment and was arrested for DUI. He was processed at the local Police Department and recorded a BAC of .179

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 Williams cited a Teal hunter for utilizing an off road vehicle to access and hunt US Army Corps land at Rend Lake. Off road vehicles are not permitted on the USACE Rend Lake Project.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Williams cited a group of Teal hunters for use and possession of lead shotshells at Rend Lake.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis issued to Perry County hunters for unlawful take of teal before legal shooting hours on the first day of the 2020 season.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Willand along with CPO Haggerty conducted an OUI detail along the Wabash River. CPO Willand wrote two written warnings to boaters for safety equipment.

CPO Williams assisted the US Fish & Wildlife Service in their investigation into a baited dove field in rural White County.

CPO Jourdan along with other CPO's and US Fish & Wildlife Agents made contact with 4 Dove hunters in a baited field. The field was baited with wheat seed. Information was gathered and evidence collected for Federal prosecution.

CPO Haggerty assisted by multiple Conservation Police Officers and USFWS Agents checked multiple hunters attempting to take doves over a baited field. Violations have been referred to the USFWS.

**District 15 – Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe**

**(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

CPO Hyatt taught a hunter safety course at County Line Shooting on 8/30

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Willand assisted CPO Roper work a baited dove field in which one hunter was located and cited.

CPO Roper, CPO Willand, and CPO Hyatt were working the dove season opener in Fayette County when a hunter was observed to be hunting doves in a sunflower field. CPOs initiated a hunter compliance check on the individual. The hunter was found to be in possession of two dove at the time of the check. The field the hunter was hunting in was found to be baited with additional sunflower seeds, and seed corn. The hunter was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting doves over bait.

CPO Roper was working the Teal hunting opener in Fayette County when he observed hunters returning to the boat launch. CPO Roper initiated a hunter compliance check/boat safety inspection on the individuals. One of the hunters was found to unlawfully be in possession of toxic (lead) shot while waterfowl hunting. The operator of the boat was also found to not have a properly affixed battery in the boat. The operator of the boat was issued a written warning for the battery violation. The passenger of the boat was issued a citation for unlawful possession of toxic shot while waterfowl hunting.

CPO Hyatt wrote a warning for no hunting license to a dove hunter in Fayette County.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Willand stopped a truck and trailer hauling cut timber to be sold at a timber yard. CPO Willand issued a written warning to the driver and owner of the cut timber. CPO Willand then helped the driver and owner correctly located and fill out all required paperwork to legally transport the cut timber.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Willand along with CPO Hyatt located a dove field in Lawrence County and issued one hunter a written warning for lack of a HIP permit.

CPO Hyatt performed shallow water air boat training in Lawrence County on the Embarrass River.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Skelton patrolled East Fork Lake for Boat safety violations.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton issued a Citation to an individual for leaving their deer stand up inside Beal Woods State Park.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Skelton Stopped an ATV on the roadway and issued the driver a citation for driving while license revoked.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek surveilled hunters on Cypress Creek national Wildlife Refuge. Multiple wildlife code violations were documented/ cited including take of wood duck during closed season, no federal waterfowl stamp, and failure to maintain separate bag limits (teal).

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating a nonresident who is falsifying their Illinois residency.

CPO Wolf cited 3 individuals for dove hunting without a plugged shotgun.

CPO Wilkinson conducted dove hunting enforcement at Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife area. Several fishing compliance checks were conducted. One group was found not keeping separate bag limits. Due to the minimal amounts of doves harvested at this time, proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Tapley and Teas checked teal hunters during the opening weekend. Several violations were found and warnings were issued.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson stopped a vehicle for speeding 15 over the posted limit near Fern Cliff State Park. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Vasicek reports the disposition of a deer poaching case that he and US Forest Service Officer Anderson Harris made. The three Georgia residents were charged with multiple wildlife violations including: hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, taking deer with aid of conveyance, uncased (loaded) firearms on ATV's, no valid permits, hunting from the

roadway, no hunting licenses, no required blaze orange, and the unlawful take/ possession of white-tailed buck deer (multiple). Fines and fees totaled \$11,275.00, which includes monies which were earmarked for the Conservation Police Operations Fund. Subjects also forfeited equipment used in the commission of these offenses.

#### MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual for driving 94 MPH in a posted 55 MPH zone.

CPO Wolf cited a Kentucky man for fishing with no valid nonresident fishing license.

CPO Tapley arrested a subject for DUI at Fort Massac State Park during 2019 plead guilty.

#### POPE COUNTY

While traveling between Dixon Springs and the Golconda Marina, CPO Wilkinson observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The radar unit of CPO Wilkinson's squad displayed a speed of 96 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. A stop was conducted, it was determined the operator had two warrants for his arrest and an open container of alcohol was discovered in the passenger location of the vehicle. The operator was arrested for the warrants and violations. The individual was transported to the Saline County Jail.

CPO Wilkinson has been working dove and teal hunters. Several checks have been performed and one investigation is ongoing.

#### PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### UNION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Wolf and CPO Johnson arrested 3 subjects on Lake of Egypt for OUI, resisting arrest, and aggravated assault of a police officer. The subjects were also cited for multiple boating violations.

CPO Johnson trained academy recruits on the wildlife code and force on force training. The recruits are also mentored on developing strong relationships with the public.

CPO Johnson arrested a subject for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on the Lake of Egypt. CPO Johnson and Wolf were attempting to take the subject back to a courtesy dock when they observed 2 jet ski's. It was very dark out and boating traffic was heavy. The CPO's detected impairment and directed the operators to shut down and stay at the location, while they transported the subject to a dock, 50 yards away. The operators then attempted to leave the location. The CPO's returned and directed them again to stop. The friends of the operators, were at the dock, and began yelling. One of the subjects became extremely hostile and threatened harm to the CPO's. The subject continuously attempted to get to the CPO's boat to do harm. The CPO's called for backup and attempted to stop the jet ski operators. One of the operators made it to the dock and fled the scene. The CPO's couldn't enter the dock because of the hostile subject. The other operator obstructed the CPO's and refused to comply. An individual, in a bass boat, assisted CPO's by blocking the operator and allowing CPO's to arrest the operator. The operator was placed under arrest for OUI, fleeing, obstructing, and operating after legal hours. The hostile subject was arrested and placed in cuffs. A large crowd had formed around the dock and cheered for the CPO's when the subject was handcuffed. The hostile subject then spit, at an ISP Troopers face, and resisted arrest. He was cited for Aggravated assault, battery, and obstruction. The operator who fled was identified and met with CPO's the following day. He was arrested for fleeing, obstructing, and operating after legal hours.

CPO's Teas and Tapley were on boat patrol on Lake of Egypt in Williamson County when they stopped a boat for not having navigation lights on after sunset. The operator was found to be intoxicated and arrested for OUI. The operator submitted to a breath test which showed a BAC of 0.185.