



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

**DATE: October 8, 2020**  
(Weeks of September 14-28, 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 CPO Kiprono cited a Morrison man for not having a state waterfowl stamp while hunting teal. He was issued written warnings for license not in possession, unnumbered watercraft, and no HIP certification.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri patrolled Johnson Sauk Trail and checked dove hunters. There were very few hunters or doves present in the area after the first few days. No violations found at that time.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Peecher issued 1 WW for boating violation during a Pool 12 waterfowl detail.

CPO Hoftender and CPO Kiprono cited two kayakers for no wearable lifejackets on the backwaters of the Mississippi River Pool 12.

#### **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 had a BAC of .107 and was also issued citations for illegal transportation of alcohol and improper lane usage.

CPO McKune conducted recreation boat, wildlife and sportfish enforcement as well during the reporting period. A total of 10 written warnings and 4 citations were issued. Some violations which were addressed included the take of sport fish with illegal devices and the transportation of aquatic life from one body of water to another.

CPO McKune assisted Mercer Sheriff's Deputies with a burglary in progress call.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran was on ATV patrol checking for illegal tree stands at Lowden Miller State Forest. Several have been noted and citations will be issued to the offenders.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPO Francisko worked boat patrol on the Mississippi River. An Andalusia, IL man was issued a citation for operating a jet ski without a spotter while towing two juveniles in a tube.

CPO K. Williams patrolled the trails at Black Hawk State Historic Site. Two groups were located on the closed Rock River trail. The two groups were escorted off and citations were issued.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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 Kiprono was checking individuals fishing on the Illinois River under the Route 23 Bridge in Ottawa. A male and female were observed fishing. The male began to walk toward CPO Kiprono's vehicle, so she exited the vehicle to have a conversation with the male and inquire if he had his Illinois fishing license. The male was concerned about where he parked his vehicle, so he wanted to ask. He stated he did not have his fishing license but his girlfriend had hers. The female stated she purchased her fishing license on a friend's phone who was not with them. I informed them; I could attempt to get verification. I checked both individuals in our systems. The female came back with a felony warrant out of Minnesota, extraditable and no bond. The female was transported to LaSalle County Jail for processing.

CPO Kiprono patrolled Starved Rock State Park Visitor's Center after it was closed for the day trying to locate people who remained in the park after hours. Two individuals, a male and female, were found on a bench in the picnic area smoking a vape. CPO Kiprono approached the young couple and noticed the individuals seemed impaired. The 21-year-old male, admitted to drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. Later, he also stated he bought alcohol for "the girls". There were three other females at the Illinois River area of the visitor's center all underage with one being a juvenile. The three underage females stashed the alcohol and a THC cartridge in the trees when they noticed Conservation Police were in the area. The violations were addressed.

CPO Kaufman received a call from an Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Agent. The agent was monitoring the movements a sexual predator parolee using the parolee's ankle monitor. The agent informed CPO Kaufman that the parolee was at the Starved Rock Lodge. Convicted sexual predators are not allowed to be in any type of park; city playground or a state park. CPO Kaufman drove to the Lodge, after 15 minutes, the sexual predator was located walking in front of the Lodge. CPO Kaufman took the man into custody without incident. He was issued a citation for being in the park and transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

CPO Kaufman received the disposition on a short Smallmouth Bass/Walleye case he made in May 2020. The fisherman had 7 short smallmouth bass and 1 short walleye. He plead guilty in LaSalle County Court. He received 3 months of supervision and a \$347 fine. He will also have 9 points on his IDNR fishing record. If he receives another fishing citation in the next 18 months, his fishing privileges could be suspended for up to 18 months.

CPO Kaufman was checking fishermen at LaSalle Lake when he pulled up to the handicap fishing pier. There was a vehicle parked in the marked Handicap Parking spot. CPO Kaufman looked in the vehicle for a handicap placard and did not see one. One of the fishermen on the pier admitted it was his vehicle and was not handicap. A citation was issued.

At Lasalle Lake, CPO Workman was on routine patrol and noticed a truck parked in the parking lot 30 minutes past sunset. Lasalle Lake closes at sunset. CPO Workman located 2 fishermen still in the act of fishing. CPO Workman advised them of the lake being closed and observed 1 individual drinking a beer. CPO Workman confiscated the beer and issued the individual a ticket for alcohol in a non-alcohol area. He issued both individuals written warnings for remaining in the lake after closing time.

CPO Murry located 4 individuals fishing at LaSalle Lake more than 2 hours after posted closing period. All 4 individuals were cited for violating the posted closing period.

While driving to Starved Rock CPO Murry observed a boat on the Illinois Rover that appeared to be dangerously overloaded. The Vessel appeared to be heading towards the Starved Rock Boat ramp, and CPO Murry met them there. Upon arrival CPO Murry observed 6 individuals in a small vessel. While conducting an inspection, it was found the vessel only had 4 USCG life jackets on board, the batteries in the boat were not covered or secured, and it was overloaded by two people. Two citations were issued and two warnings were issued to the operator.

PUTNAM COUNTY
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Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
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CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he encountered a fisherman in possession of a short Northern Pike. A Citation was issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks at the levy in Rockton when he encountered several fishermen without valid fishing licenses. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Leannah was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he encountered a man in possession of a short small mouth bass. A citation was issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino conducted boat safety inspections at Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. Several violations were found and addressed.

CPO Leannah and CPO Alvarez-Gerbino were dispatched to Rock Cut State Park to locate a lost hiker. The hiker was located and transported back to their vehicle safely.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson responded to a call for a missing suicidal male in rural Fulton County. Upon arrival CPOs, County Sheriff's Deputies and Fire/Rescue Personnel conducted a shoreline search on the Spoon River. The male subject was located on the shoreline highly intoxicated but conscious and received medical attention from EMS.

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of unlawful take of largemouth bass at Banner Marsh. Upon conducting an investigation, interviews were conducted and two men confessed to the violation. A citation and several written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson assisted Canton PD and Fulton County Sheriff's Office with the search for a suspect involved in aggravated battery with a firearm and theft of a motor vehicle. The vehicle was located the next day and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Thompson assisted Fulton County Sheriff's Department with a trail camera theft investigation. CPO Thompson located a potential suspect involved in the case. Upon interview, the suspects provided information leading to the recovery of the stolen cameras. The investigation was handled by Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

CPO Elliott responded to a head-on collision on IL 9 east of IL 97. The accident involved 3 vehicles. One subject received air-evacuation. CPO Elliott assisted Fulton County units and ISP with securing the scene and traffic control.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**KNOX COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

CPO Gerard arrested an individual for shooting a deer with a rifle at Marshall Fish and Wildlife Area. The individual was written several citations. The rifle and deer were seized as evidence.

CPO Gerard and Lazzell cited two individuals for unlawfully digging ginseng at Marshall Fish and Wildlife Area

**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 checked dove hunters at Mackinaw Fish and Wildlife area. One hunter was found to be transporting an uncased and loaded shotgun and also to be using lead shot and not hunting near a stake as required. The hunter received citations for the transportation of the loaded gun and for using lead shot where prohibited.

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 Iaffaldano investigated an unlawful hunting complaint from the prior deer season resulting in 2 citations and 4 written warnings.

CPO Iaffaldano conducted sport fisherman checks and boat safety inspections resulting in 1 citation and 6 written warnings

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley cited two subjects at Illinois Beach State Park for public nudity. The men were sunbathing in the nude near the Dead River when encountered by CPO Kelley.

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg responded to a call of waterfowl hunting too close to an inhabited dwelling. Unfortunately, the perpetrators were already gone.

CPO Kelley responded to a dove hunting complaint in Wauconda. The hunter in question turned out to have permission and was fully licensed.

CPO Kelley arrested a subject on Grass Lake for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

While conducting sport fish enforcement from a boat, CPO Winters came across a subject with a 14" Northern Pike. The minimum to keep the fish is 24" on the Chain O Lakes. A citation was issued.

While conducting sport fish enforcement in the Chain O Lakes State Park, CPO Winters came across a subject with a 10" Largemouth Bass. The minimum to keep the fish is 14" on the Chain O Lakes. A citation was issued.

SGT Schreiber responded to a boat accident on the Fox River at approximately 2:30 am with 4 occupants in the water. The subjects were pulled from the water, and were treated and released on scene. The individuals were late night catfishing when two subjects went towards the bow of the boat causing water to rush in and eventually sinking it.

**MCHENRY COUNTY**

While conducting sport fish enforcement at the Stratton Lock and Dam, CPO Winters came across a subject with a 10" Largemouth Bass. The minimum to keep the fish on the Fox River is 14". A citation was issued.

CPO Davis observed an individual using a cast net on the Fox River at the Algonquin Dam. The subject was in possession of smallmouth bass, crappie, and bluegill and explained he caught them with the cast net. He was issued a citation for unlawful taking of sportfish with a cast net and issued multiple written warnings.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject on the Fox River for an undersized largemouth bass. He was in possession of a 10 1/2 inch bass, where the legal size limit is 14 inches.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

While conducting boat safety checks at a boat ramp in Grundy County, CPO Prasun and CPOT Vik encountered a new boater that did not have enough personal flotation devices for the people on board. The operator was also not utilizing the safety cut-off lanyard as required and had several other boating safety violations. Enforcement action was taken and the boat operator was educated on Illinois' boating safety laws.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

CPO's Farber and Elliot were contacted by a private property landowner in rural Kankakee county about someone possibly hunting illegally on his property. The property owner had photos of a male subject pulling a freshly harvested white tail deer across his property while also carrying a rifle in early September. During the investigation, CPO Farber was able to determine who the male subject in the photos was. CPO Farber and Elliot met with the male subject and an interview was conducted. At the conclusion of the interview the male subject was issued several citations (hunting without landowners permission, unlawful take of a white tail deer with a rifle, unlawful possession of a white tail deer, unlawful possession of freshly killed species during closed season, and hunting without a valid hunting license) and the .270 rifle that was used to harvest the deer was also confiscated.

CPO's Farber and Elliot continue to receive complaints about people wading in the Kankakee river and illegally taking clams/mussels by the bucket load. Over the weekend, this illegal trend continued. CPO's Farber and Elliot cited (6) separate individuals and several 5 gallon buckets full of river muscles were returned alive back into the Kankakee river. Mussel collection is illegal as they are a protected species, only the already dead shells are allowed to be picked up. There are also several endangered and threatened mussels which make the Kankakee River their home and collecting them can result in high fines and court appearances.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WILL COUNTY**

CPO Anderson received complaints of several groups of kayakers on Braidwood Lake. Non-motorized watercraft are not allowed on the cooling lakes due to the dangerous waves created from the wind. The day was windy with dangerous waves near shore. Both groups were located without incident. Both groups were unfamiliar with the lake and the dangers of it. One of the groups was fossil hunting and had their kayaks loaded with nodules which created an even more hazardous condition. CPO Anderson took appropriate enforcement action and educated the groups about the area and their activities and referred them to other locations where they could kayak and fossil hunt legally and safely.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Roesch checked sport fisherman at Montrose Harbor, DuSable Harbor, Belmont Harbor, Jackson Harbor, Burnham Harbor, Skokie Lagoon, DuPage River, Lemont Quarries, Tower Beach Rd, and Lincoln Park Lagoon. CPO Roesch encountered 5 individuals fishing without a license. CPO Roesch encountered 2 individuals in possession of live round gobies at Montrose Harbor. CPO Roesch encountered an individual in possession of a short smallmouth bass at Burnham Harbor. 3 citations and 5 written warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch walked timber at 3 different location in Cook County investigation possible deer hunting. CPO Roesch discovered several deer stands, trail cameras, and old shot gun shells. Investigation is pending.

CPO Swindle issued 26 citations to a watercraft rental company based in Jupiter, Fl. The company has been operating illegally in Illinois waters.

CPO Swindle conducted a snagging detail with CPO Williams that resulted in one arrest for unlawful snagging.

CPO Swindle conducted a boat patrol on the Cal Sag Channel. 5 boat inspections were completed and two warning were issued.

CPO Gates kayaked with DuPage County forest preserve down the west branch of the DuPage river. It was discovered there is a baited tree stand in Winfield. After inspecting the area, it was discovered there is a feeder and corn husks scattered around the tree stands. After inspection the tree stand, a loaded .22 rifle was found inside.

Written warnings were issued to a Bloomingdale man for trapping squirrels without a nuisance permit.

CPO Gates inspected a property in Northwestern Cook County. After walking the property, he discovered a freshly laid out salt block not far from the tree stand. The investigation is on-going

CPO Gates received a complaint regarding individuals harvesting mussels from the DuPage River. CPO Gates met with a member from the urban streams and development in DuPage County to gain insight as to which types of mussels the people may be harvesting. The investigation is on-going.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement on department owned lands in Cook County. CPO Kusta observed a subject fishing from the shore and requested his sportfishing license. The fisherman advised CPO Kusta it was his first-time fishing and he didn't have a license. CPO Kusta educated the new fisherman on the requirements for a fishing license.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish/recreation boat enforcement on department lands in Cook County. CPO Kusta observed a watercraft returning to the boat launch. CPO Kusta requested the 2 fishermen's fishing licenses. One fisherman was able to immediately present his license while the other did not have it in his possession. CPO Kusta then conducted a boat safety inspection on the watercraft, all equipment was on board except battery covers. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman/operator on the laws regarding fishing license and the required boat equipment.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement in Chicago. CPO Kusta contacted 2 fishermen throughout his patrol that were unable to produce valid sportfishing licenses. CPO Kusta educated the 2 fishermen on the importance of getting a sportfishing license.

Sgt. Mooi assisted CPO Roesch with snagging enforcement. Multiple problem areas were checked and 4 citations and 3 written warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch checked sport fisherman at Montrose Harbor, Diversey Harbor, DuSable Harbor, Belmont Harbor, Jackson Harbor, Papoose Lake, Joe's Pond, Tuma Lake, Burnham Harbor, Skokie Lagoon, DuPage River, Lemont Quarries, Wolf Lake, Tower Beach Rd, and Lincoln Park Lagoon. CPO Roesch encountered 12 individuals fishing without a license. CPO Roesch encountered 2 individuals in possession of live round gobies at Montrose Harbor. CPO Roesch encountered an individual in possession of a short smallmouth bass at Burnham Harbor. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch walked timber at 3 different location in Cook County investigation possible deer hunting. CPO Roesch discovered several deer stands, trail cameras, and old shot gun shells. Investigation is pending.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at William Powers State Park. The driver had a revoked driver's license and a citation was issued.

CPO Roesch, Sgt. Mooi, and Sgt. Fraser assisted several legislative liaisons with a boat patrol on the Chicago River demonstrating CPO enforcement techniques and fisheries strategies to prevent the spread of Asian carp.

CPO Roesch conducted 10 vessel inspections on boats on the Chicago River and Wolf Lake at William Powers State Park. CPO Roesch issued two warnings for no sounding device and no fire extinguisher.

CPO McClenning Patrolled Cook County for Sport fishing enforcement. Enforcement action included 2 warnings for Fishing License violations.

CPO Gates patrolled northern lake Michigan starting at Tower road beach. Several fisherman were checked. Written warnings were issued for not having their fishing licenses in possession while fishing.

CPO Gates performed a snagging detail in the early hours at Montrose, burnham, and diversey harbors. No fisherman were observed snagging. One carp fisherman did not have a valid fishing license and was issued a written warning. He purchased a fishing license through his phone so he could keep fishing for the day.

CPO Kusta attended a Hunter Safety Course in Chicago. CPO Kusta educated the class on Illinois wildlife laws and violations frequently observed. CPO Kusta answered numerous questions from the class and provided them with his contact information if any further questions arise.

CPO Kusta was on patrol in northern Cook County and observed a vehicle disregard a traffic control device. CPO Kusta conducted a traffic stop and advised the driver of his violation. CPO Kusta educated the driver on Illinois law regarding traffic control devices and documented the violation.

CPO Kusta conducted a boat registration inspection for an old aluminum Jon boat in northern Cook County. CPO Kusta met with the owner and gathered all information available. CPO Kusta must contact the previous owners of the watercraft prior to the registration being approved.

CPO Kusta assisted CPO Peecher regarding an investigation for numerous aquatic life violations that occurred on the Mississippi River in Carroll County. CPO Kusta interviewed the subject in question and took enforcement action. The subject is to appear in court at a later date to answer for the violations that occurred.

## DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates patrolled Mallard lake and issued 3 written warnings for individuals who did not have a fishing license and for a boat with an electric trolling motor not having IL registration. I educated the gentleman that any vessel with any type of motor would need to be registered in the state. I supplied the man with the necessary information to apply and obtain registration.

CPO Gates was on patrol along the west branch of the DuPage river after receiving complaints about people harvesting mussels from the river. While on patrol, CPO Gates observed 2 individuals with buckets and bags walking in the water and collecting mussels. CPO Gates asked both parties for fishing licenses and neither had one. CPO Gates collected the bags containing the mussels and identification from both parties. Both individuals were issued citations for harvesting mussels on a restricted body of water and citations for not having a valid fishing license. They were given a mandatory court date in DuPage County.

CPO Gates assisted DuPage Animal control on a call regarding feeding of wildlife. After inspecting the area, the food was in a backyard with a high fence, making deer unable to get to it. No enforcement action was taken.

## **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 issued a subject an unlawfully operating a motor vehicle off of a roadway in Siloam Springs State Park.

CPO Blazinic instructed hunter safety at Twin Oaks club in Quincy. Approximately 44 students in attendance.

CPO Blazinic finalized the central law enforcement region fall firearms schedule.

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

#### **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**

CPO Wheatley and CPOT Priest were on a boat patrol on the Mississippi River on Pool 20. During the course of the patrol the two officers discovered a red jug floating and pulled it up to investigate its purpose. Upon closer examination, CPO Wheatley and CPOT Priest found the jug was marking a trot line. The trot line was not baited, but showed signs it had not been checked in a long period of time. The jug had the owners name, address, and phone number on it; however, there was so much moss, the two officers could not make it out in its entirety. CPO Wheatley was able to look the owners name up by address and gave the owner a call. The owner stated he had not checked it in a while and even told CPO Wheatley if he got a ticket for leaving it un-attended, he wouldn't blame him. CPO Wheatley will continue this investigation in the coming future and take what actions are deemed appropriate.

#### **JERSEY COUNTY**

CPO Michael Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle in Jersey County. One occupant was wanted on a Macoupin County arrest warrant. He was also in possession of methamphetamine. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Michael Goetten issued 17 citations to a boat rental service owner after a consistently dealing with ongoing an uncorrected issue pertaining to the rental company.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Lentz Male subject was issued Citation for possession of a short largemouth bass at Mt. Olive lake old reservoir.

CPO Gushleff is conducting several investigations at this time. One is a complaint from a local taxidermist in the Brighton area. He had a theft in his store, and the investigation has been ongoing for several months. CPO Gushleff also got a complaint in the northern part of Macoupin County about a residence that not only is being suspected of poaching wildlife, but selling drugs and other suspicious activity. Both investigations will take time to complete.

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

While on patrol at JEPC CPO Snodgrass observed 2 subjects dove hunting in Dove field 2. Upon making contact it was discovered both subjects were utilizing lead shot. Lead shot shell is prohibited at JEPC to hunt dove. Both subjects were cited for the violation.

Quail Forever hosted a youth event at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA. CPO Wahlbrink taught firearm safety and helped instruct approximately 20 youth clay target shooters. The shooters attempted a variety of target presentations and learned several different techniques for engaging the targets.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley traveled to Lake Petersburg to locate an injured Blue Heron. The Blue Heron was transported to the Raptor center for evaluation.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern cited a fisherman for possession of an undersized black bass on the Illinois river.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass observed 5 subjects dove hunting at Sangchris Lake State Park. Upon a compliance check of the subjects CPO Snodgrass found all subjects were utilizing lead shot, 1 subject was hunting without a valid hunting license, and 1 subject was hunting without a plug in his shotgun. Citations and warnings were issued for the 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 met with Marshall PD in regard to a possible ginseng harvesting case. Investigation still pending.

COLES COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Martinsville subject for trespass to harvest ginseng in Cumberland county.

CPO Mieure issued citations and written warnings to two women for trespassing to harvest ginseng in Cumberland county.

CPO Hyatt went with CPO Mieure on a report of people trespassing and possibly hunting ginseng. Contact was made and multiple citations and warnings were issued along with the seizure of illegally harvested ginseng.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt taught a Hunter Safety course in Arthur.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt responded to reports of watercrafts that have been violating no wake zones during the early hours during the week on their fishing boat. Increase patrol during morning hours in attempts to locate subject.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody received a complaint of a group of hunters possibly taking species of waterfowl out of season during teal season in the Wildlife Management Area. Upon arrival CPO Moody went and checked two men who he saw hunting out of a blind in the impoundment. Moody discovered the men had shot one teal and three wood ducks. After speaking with the two men, they finally admitted that a third hunter that was with them was down the levee hiding a goose in the weeds as well. The men all received a citation as well as multiple written warnings.

CPO Moody was checking fishermen on the Okaw River when he encountered a Decatur man in a johnboat. When the man observed him, he reached into his bucket and began throwing crappie into the river. The man was subsequently cited for an over limit of crappie and given multiple written warnings.

CPO Moody arrested an Atwood man on an outstanding warrant for theft along the Okaw River. The man also received a citation for no fishing license.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a man one written warning for operating a watercraft without a safety lanyard.

CPO Hyatt assisted COE Patrol on Lake Shelbyville during Dam Fireworks celebration.

**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 Viverito focused on traffic enforcement at Clinton Lake Recreational area. The detail resulted in the arrest of 3 revoked drivers, 3 citations and 12 written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations

CPO Ausmus conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle doing 30 mph over the posted speed limit. The driver, a Clinton man, was cited for Speeding (30 over), No Insurance, Driving on a Revoked License, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. The driver has a mandatory court date in Dewitt County.

In Dewitt County, CPO Ausmus was conducting sport fishing enforcement and observed two subjects walking back to their vehicle carrying fishing equipment in their wagon. CPO Ausmus conducted a compliance check and discovered one subject without a fishing license, and two short crappies. The Indiana man was also wanted on a warrant from Effingham County. The subject was issued a citation for the short fish, a warning for no license and issued a Notice To Appear in Effingham County Court.

CPO Graden cited a 71-year-old male for nude sunbathing at the Clinton Lake Peninsula Day-use Area.

CPO G. Anderson conducted a fishing compliance check on 2 fishermen at Clinton Lake. CPO Anderson checked their fish and noticed a short largemouth bass and crappie. One of the fishermen admitted to catching both fish and the other did not have a valid fishing license. A citation and written warning were issued for the violations.

**FORD COUNTY**

CPO G. Anderson assisted a motorist at Route 9 and Lawrence St. in Gibson City. The female driver was pregnant with twins and had gone into labor while driving. CPO Anderson called for EMS immediately and remained with the woman in labor. EMS safely transported the woman to Carle Hospital in Champaign.

**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 issued a citation, to an adult male at Evergreen Lake, for fishing without a valid Illinois Resident Sport Fishing License. The subject admitted to regularly fishing and last purchased a fishing license in 2016.

CPO Graden is investigating a criminal trespass complaint in McLean County.

District 19 Conservation Police Officers responded to a complaint of a missing suicidal subject in Moraine View State Park. CPOs coordinated with the McLean County Sheriff's Department, McLean County EMA, and Illinois State Police to

locate the subject. After an exhaustive search involving assets on the ground, and IT support from ISP, the subject was located, alive, and provided with appropriate follow-up care.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

While on patrol in Kickapoo State Park, I, CPOT Longley and CPO Sanford came across a vehicle parked off the road in the grass. As we approached the vehicle, the owner came out of the timber with a fishing pole. I announced myself and asked for their fishing license. The individual stated they did not possess one and at that time I could smell the odor of cannabis coming from the individual's vehicle. After addressing the odor and further questioning, the individual confessed to having cannabis in their possession. A vehicle search was conducted, resulting in the recovery of more than 10 grams of cannabis, along with various paraphernalia. The individual was issued a citation for unlawful possession of cannabis in the amount of more than 10 grams and written warnings for parking illegally and fishing without a license.

**South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker**

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

BOND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias was out early on opening day of the dove season opener. Dove compliance checks were done the entire day and almost everyone checked were in compliance with very few, easily fixed infractions.

Towards the end of shooting hours, one last compliance check was accomplished. This particular hunter had everything in order but when the CPO began removing the shells from the shotgun, he pumped out 6 shells. An almost perfect day with no violations was almost accomplished. A citation was issued for an unplugged shotgun.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was working dove hunters at a State Site in Madison County. Several hunters failed to check in at the main office before hunting and were hunting in a closed area. Citations and warnings were issued for the violations.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Lentz Two subjects were issued citations for fishing without fishing licenses at Coffeen Lake.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Marc Folden**

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty and CPOT Kater conducted a radar patrol in a State Park. We initiated a traffic stop for speeding and learned the driver was revoked. During the traffic stop it was determined there was no vehicle insurance, no valid vehicle registration, and the driver possessed an open container of alcohol. The subject received citations for revoked driving, no insurance, no registration, and an open container of alcohol and a written warning for speeding.

CPO Knop worked Teal hunters citing multiple violations of shooting before legal shooting time.

CPO Knop and CPOT Waigand observed multiple people snagging below the Rend Lake dam. Further investigation lead to violations of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and no insurance.

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 Jourdan and CPO Williams discovered a submerged vehicle in 13 feet of water in Jefferson County. The vehicle was discovered using side scan sonar from a boat. Divers from Rend Lake Search and Rescue attached a cable to the vehicle and it was towed to shore. The vehicle's owner was reported missing in September of last year. No remains of the missing person were found with the vehicle. The discovery is being investigated by Illinois Conservation Police, Illinois State Police, Jefferson County Sherriff's Office, and a municipal police department where the missing person resided.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis responded to a report of a fight in progress with the on-duty Perry County Deputy. The incident ended up being a domestic issue. Both parties involved wanted to sign a complaint against the other. CPO Lewis arrested one aggressor for assault while the Perry County Deputy arrested the other for domestic battery.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson conducted Several fishing compliance checks and watercraft safety inspections. One watercraft owner and operator failed to renew the registration. Enforcement action was taken. One fisherman was also found fishing without a license and a written warning was issued.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**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 Smith issued three written warnings to fisherman for license not in possession, unattended devices, and no fishing license.

CPO Hyatt received a complaint about a trespasser stealing ginseng on 9/16 and was able to meet up with the trespasser and issue a citation for trespassing to illegally dig ginseng on 9/18/20.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

While on patrol in Fayette County CPO Roper observed two individuals dove hunting. CPO Roper initiated a hunter compliance check on the individuals. CPO Roper discovered the hunters had all harvested birds in one pile. CPO Roper issued both hunters written warnings for failure to maintain separate bags.

CPO Roper received a report from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office about an individual they encountered in possession of ginseng who stated he had no license. CPO Roper located the individual who admitted to digging ginseng with no valid license. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for Unlawful harvest of Ginseng with No Valid License.

While on patrol at Vandalia lake CPO Roper observed a boat returning to the boat ramp with two individuals on board. CPO Roper initiated a Fishing/boat inspection on the individuals. CPO Roper discovered neither individual possessed a valid fishing license, the boat registration was expired, and there was no required sounding device on board. CPO Roper issued each individual a citation for the fishing license violations, and issued the operator of the boat written warnings for the boating violations.

While on patrol CPO Roper observed two individuals on a boat at the boat launch. CPO Roper initiated a fish/boat inspection on the individuals. One of the subjects had no valid nonresident fishing license. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for no valid nonresident fishing license.

**JASPER COUNTY**

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MARION COUNTY**

CPO Hyatt has been working multiple deer investigations for this upcoming season. 2 cases in particular regarding possible bait.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**WABASH COUNTY**

CPO Skelton issued a citation to an individual for leaving his deer stand in Beall Woods State park throughout the year, and not removing it by the set date for removal.

CPO Willand located four bank poles along the Wabash River. The bank poles were approximately 6 feet out of the water with exposed hooks hanging approximately 3 feet from the water. CPO Willand seized said poles. CPO Willand was able to make contact with the owner of the poles. The individual was issued a citation for failure to check legal hook and line devices every twenty four hours as well as a written warning for pollution of a waterway.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

CPO Skelton investigated and charged an individual for Criminal trespass. The subject's picture was taken on trail camera and identified on social media.

CPO Skelton issued a citation to an individual for operating a UTV on private property without consent

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

CPO Spinka patrolled state areas. Patrolled for violations in regards to teal and dove season.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

Patrolled Lake Kincaid and issued multiple citations and warnings for boating safety related violations.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**MASSAC COUNTY**

CPO Wolf cited an individual for fishing without a license. The individual had been warned multiple times to get his license.

**POPE COUNTY**

CPO Wolf cited an individual for hunting without permission on complaint from the landowner. He was also warned for multiple other wildlife related offenses.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

CPO Spinka patrolled state areas. Patrolled for violations in regards to teal and dove season. Checked multiple baited deer hunting locations for future enforcement.

**UNION COUNTY**

CPO Vasicek and CPOT Zigler charged 2 Union County subjects for multiple Ginseng harvest violations including unlawfully harvesting Ginseng on multiple properties without consent of landowners. Harvesting while under revocation, no Ginseng license charges were also issued. 48 Ginseng roots and several pounds of Golden Seal roots were seized as evidence.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county