



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 December 16 – 31, 2018)

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

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri assisted the Henry County Sheriff's Department with a subject who was believed to be harmful to himself. A friend on scene called 911 because they were concerned for the man's safety. Officers arrived and tried to talk to the man, but he was not making any sense. The man charged the officers, and he was tased at least twice with no response. The man was taken to the ground, handcuffed, and transported to the hospital by ambulance for a medical evaluation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

While conducting archery deer hunting compliance checks, CPO Hoftender and Sgt. Petreikis spoke with a Michigan archery hunter in the field who did not have his deer permits on his person. It was also determined that the hunter was hunting without a license or habitat stamp and had falsified a record of taking an eight-point buck. The buck was taken by the hunter's wife who did not have any permits. Another hunter in the party did not have his permits in possession and was hunting without a license or habitat stamp. Citations were issued for illegal possession of deer, no hunting license, and accessory to no hunting license. Warnings were issued for falsification, no license, no habitat stamp, permits not in possession, and no valid permit.

CPO Hoftender and Sgt. Petreikis cited a Hanover man for possessing fox without a game breeder permit.

CPO Hoftender cited a Davis Junction man for not having a wearable lifejacket while fishing on the Apple River. He was issued a warning for pollution of waterway after picking up receipts and handwarmer wrappers he had dropped.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a subject for unlawfully dumping a deer carcass.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran conducted several field inspections at Lowden-Miller State Forest. Minor violations were found which resulted in verbal warnings.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Alt received a case disposition involving the unlawful taking and/or possession of white-tailed deer from a 2017 complaint. The hunter unlawfully took a white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait. The hunter was ordered to pay \$1,052 in fines and costs and was given 12 months court supervision. The processed deer meat was donated to a local food pantry in Freeport.

CPO Alt is currently investigating a complaint of unlawful hunting white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait. He is also investigating a complaint of unlawful hunting white-tailed deer on lands without permission from the owner or leasee.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Hoftender received a disposition in a case involving a New Windsor man that she cited for running the railroad signal. The man pled guilty and paid \$904 in fines and fees.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Jansen arrested a Kingston man for the unlawful take of a seven-point buck without permits in 2017. He was issued three citations and three written warnings. The deer mount was also seized.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPOs Jansen and Kaufman completed a random commercial inspection of a wild game food processor. Minor issues with paperwork were found during the inspection, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Kaufman and a Starved Rock State Park employee walked the newly acquired state property adjacent to Matthiessen State Park. They found several safety concerns on the property which were due to the previous mining activity. CPO Kaufman reported these problem areas to Park staff and the Office of Law Enforcement chain of command.

CPOs Finn and Jansen discovered that an Ottawa man had harvested three deer with a bow but only possessed two archery permits. The individual received two citations for permit and tagging requirements, and four warnings were issued for other violations.

CPO Jansen arrested a Streator man for harvesting two deer over bait. He was issued six citations and five written warnings. The crossbow and trail cameras were seized as evidence.

While on patrol, CPO Filipiak inspected multiple timber trucks that were hauling logs from Sheridan, Leland, and Serena. One truck driver had no proof of ownership paperwork in his possession. Another truck driver had no haul log and did not know the species of logs being transported. Two other trucks drivers had incomplete proof of ownership paperwork. All violations were addressed, and citations were issued.

CPO Murry observed two vehicles traveling in front of him that were driving erratically. The vehicles made multiple lane changes without signaling and were following other vehicles too closely. The two vehicles turned a corner and accelerated very quickly. He activated his radar, and the vehicles were clocked traveling 90 mph in a 55-mph speed zone. Both vehicles reached congested traffic, and they were pulled over. Each driver was cited for improper lane usage, following too closely, and speeding 90 mph in a 55-mph speed zone.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt is investigating the following complaints: pollution along the Kishwaukee River; a man hunting white-tailed deer on a revoked hunting privilege; waterfowl hunters hunting too close to inhabited dwellings along the Rock River; failure to retrieve waterfowl harvested and field hunting waterfowl; archery deer hunting too close to inhabited dwellings; falsification and/or misrepresentation of deer harvest from the 2017 season; and unlawful hunting deer upon lands of another without permission.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a case involving a female who was suspected of committing a motor vehicle burglary and forgery for the use of a stolen credit card. Despite the subject refusing to admit to the vehicle burglary, evidence of the felony forgery and identity theft was established. A felony forgery conviction was handed down. The subject was ordered to pay \$1,153 in total fines and costs, and she received a 24-month probation. The identity theft charge was dismissed.

CPO Murry received a disposition in a case involving a suspended driver that he arrested in October. The driver was convicted on both charges of speeding and driving on a suspended license. The same driver was seen driving away from the courthouse, and a check of his driving privileges showed his driver's license was still suspended. CPO Murry conducted a vehicle stop, and the man accompanied him back to the courthouse. Charges for the driving offense are pending with the State's Attorney.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited two individuals for the unlawful taking of a trumpeter swan.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Posateri responded to a reported diesel spill on I-74 at Pope Creek. A garbage truck had crashed into the construction barrier and rolled into the median after taking out several posts and the guardrail. There were no injuries, and the driver was taken to a nearby gas station. The Illinois State Police responded the scene; however, due to the fog

and weather conditions, the truck was not removed until the following day. The next day it was discovered that approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into the area flowing into Pope Creek, and there was a sheen on top of the water. An environmental clean-up company was called to the scene to handle the remediation of the spill. There was no apparent sign of a fish kill.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited a ginseng dealer for failure to maintain ginseng records.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited three individuals for deer hunting on property without consent. In a separate incident, CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully hunting on Fondulac Township property without consent.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten investigated a report of a buck being shot with a rifle. The buck had been hit and injured by the suspect's vehicle. The man shot the deer with a rifle, and he used his girlfriend's archery tag to report the harvest. He was issued two citations and two warnings. The deer and rifle were seized.

CPO Tapley finished an investigation in which a Louisiana resident shot a buck in Greene County without having an either sex permit. The hunter used the permit from an Illinois resident and took the deer back to Louisiana. A Louisiana officer seized the rack, and CPO Tapley obtained confessions from the two Illinois residents involved and the Louisiana hunter. Charges are pending. The civil penalty for the deer in this case is valued at \$6,000.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley has been investigating complaints and violations arising out of the 2018 deer season. He has also been investigating various other crimes which include timber thefts.

CPO Wheatley has been conducting river patrols and checking for waterfowl and boat code compliance.

CPO Lentz cited an individual with a wild game breeder permit who was not keeping proper records on a captive deer.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Goetten cited a deer hunter for placing bait near his tree stand.

CPO Lentz cited deer hunter for taking claim of roadkill deer and failure to report it to the IDNR within 24 hours. He cited a second deer hunter for hunting without a hunting license, and a third deer hunter was cited for deer hunting without a valid deer permit.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Capt. Laura Petreikis

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Fraser received information about a dead bald eagle which was apparently electrocuted. He met with the complainant and took custody of the deceased eagle. The complainant stated he watched the eagle fly in front of his vehicle and directly into power lines, then drop to the ground. CPO Fraser noted the power line location and photographed the eagle and the area. The US Fish and Wildlife Service will contact the power company and determine which authorized entity will take final possession of the eagle.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Fraser received a phone call from a concerned citizen about a dead deer in Sangchris Lake. CPOs Fraser and Macias used a boat to search for the deer. The large buck was found in the Lake with its antlers tangled in a deadfall tree. The CPOs transported the carcass to a boat ramp where they inspected the deer. No signs of injury or illness were found. Since the deer did not show any indication of being illegally harvested, the citizen who reported the deer was contacted and given a salvage deer permit.

While conducting a night road hunting detail, CPO Fraser stopped to check a vehicle that was parked in the middle of a rural road. The juvenile driver was in possession of alcohol, and he said he was “killing time” until he met up with his friend. The juvenile was cited for possession of alcohol by a minor and released to his parents.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer investigated a coyote hunter that illegally killed a bobcat. The bobcat was seized, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gilmer charged a Mt. Pulaski resident with hunting on lands without permission, baiting deer, and possession of an illegally taken white-tailed deer. An 11-point buck was seized, and the hunter was given a court date.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer seized a ten-point buck in an ongoing deer poaching case.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported in this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported in this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported in this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported in this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Knop received a complaint about a skunk being in a trap for at least three days. The skunk was still in the trap when he arrived at the location given in the complaint. He talked with the people who trapped the skunk; and they admitted that they did not know how to kill it without being sprayed, so they left it in the trap. The trapper did not have a trapping license or habitat stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis cited a fish market for the sale of aquatic life without a Retail Aquatic Life Dealer's License. The market had been issued a warning in April 2018 for the same finding.

CPO Kelley received a complaint involving dumping at Moraine Hills State Park. A written warning was issued to a man who dumped his daughter's personal garbage at the Park.

CPO Kelley investigated a complaint from two individuals whose neighbor had placed a deer stand on their property. The hunter was contacted, and the stand was moved.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted a follow-up investigation regarding violations that occurred in Johnson County. Enforcement action was taken against a subject who unlawfully loaned a firearm permit to his non-resident brother.

CPO Farber spoke with a subject who unlawfully dumped a deer carcass along the road, and enforcement action was taken.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland checked a group of four waterfowl hunters. When he came up to the blind, there were two piles of three birds in each pile. Either two people were over the limit, or the hunters did not keep their kill separate. After a brief interview, it was determined that the hunters did not maintain separate bags. Warnings were issued to all four hunters.

WILL COUNTY

While conducting surveillance on an active deer hunting site, CPO Reid observed two hunters dump a five-gallon bucket of corn in front of their tree stand and immediately proceed to hunt. He spoke with the hunters. They admitted to seeing the corn once they climbed in their stand; however, they claimed someone else must have placed the bait. It was also determined only one of the two hunters had a valid deer permit. Both parties were cited for deer hunting over bait and unlawful placement of bait. One hunter was cited for deer hunting without a permit.

CPO Reid observed two upland game hunters hunting along an active railroad track, a Com Ed easement, and an adjacent corporate-owned property. After speaking with the individuals, it was determined they did not have permission to hunt any of the three properties. It was also discovered that both individuals were previously cited in 2016 for hunting without permission and other additional wildlife violations. Both parties were again cited for hunting without permission.

While on patrol, CPO Reid noticed two individuals wearing camo clothing sitting in a pickup truck. He stopped to talk with the individuals and observed an uncased bow and arrow inside the vehicle. There were also hunting stands in the bed of the truck. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch (Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle parked in the grass, approximately ten feet from an empty parking lot. Contact was made with the elderly driver, and a written warning was issued for parking in the grass. In a separate incidence, CPO Mooi observed a man walking his dog inside a restricted area at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. The area was posted as closed due to waterfowl hunting. A written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Mooi responded to a call for assistance from the Markham Police after they attempted to stop a stolen vehicle on I-80. The occupants jumped from the vehicle and ran into a wooded area north of the Interstate. The individuals were observed doubling back and heading south across I-80 and into a neighborhood. CPO Mooi assisted a Hazel Crest officer with the search for the individuals, and CPO Mooi apprehended one of the subjects. The custody of the subject was transferred to the Markham Police. Markham Police recovered three firearms from the vehicle and surrounding area. Drugs and cash were also recovered from the vehicle and suspects.

CPO Mooi assisted the Illinois State Police with a personal injury accident with entrapment on I-94. An elderly couple was rear-ended and trapped in their vehicle. He assisted at the scene until Chicago Fire Department personnel removed the couple from the vehicle.

While checking perch fishermen along the Chicago River, CPO Stanbary encountered three international students who were fishing. He requested to see their fishing licenses; however, none had purchased a license. The men, who already had fish in their possession, stated they were not aware that they needed a license. He explained how to obtain a license through the online sales on the IDNR website, and the men quickly purchased non-resident licenses. They were issued written warnings for the violation. In a separate incident, two other fishermen were issued warnings for no fishing license in possession.

CPO Sanford served a Mines and Minerals notice of violation to a subject in Chicago Ridge.

CPO Sanford completed a boat accident investigation and report from July 2018. The operator of the vessel was issued written warnings for no valid registration and no fire extinguisher on board.

CPO Sanford is conducting a deer hunting investigation stemming from a complaint of the unlawful deer hunting in Lansing Woods Forest Preserve.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson
(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)**

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito completed the annual K-9 certification.

FORD COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Reeves found a truck stuck in a ditch. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and taken to the Ford County Jail.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

CPOs Wright, Reeves, Viverito, Gilmer, and Fraser, along with Sgt. Williamson, served a search warrant on a Decatur residence for a case involving felony amounts of unlawfully taken deer. Eight deer racks and 231 packages of deer meat were seized from the residence. Charges are pending.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOs Reeves and Wright made two arrests in a case involving two male subjects who were caught on a trail camera video hunting and shooting from an ATV. The incident occurred during the second firearm deer season. Both men have mandatory court dates.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum conducted an inspection of a timber truck, and no violations were found. In a separate incidence, CPO Wellum conducted an inspection of a timber truck, and minor violations were found. The driver was issued a written warning for incomplete paperwork. CPO Wellum stopped a third timber truck and completed a timber inspection. The driver was issued a written warning for incomplete paperwork and not having a driver's license on person.

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to an individual.

A TIP complaint of a deer shot from the roadway was received by CPO Wellum. He located the deer and found a bullet hole in the side of the deer. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop for an expired registration. The driver was issued a written warning for expired registration, and a citation was issued for no proof of insurance.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston woman a written warning for littering from a motor vehicle.

At the request of the landowner, CPO Mieure issued written warnings to two Charleston men for hunting without permission.

CPO Wellum received a TIP complaint of a deer shot from the roadway. He located the deer and found a bullet hole in the side of the deer. No witnesses could be located.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum received a complaint of an individual hunting illegally during the firearm deer weekend, and he spoke with the two people who witnessed the incident. The Shelby County resident was located and interviewed. Written warnings were issued for hunting without permission of landowner, failure to immediately tag deer, and use of a Clark County permit in Cumberland County.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure handled a TIP complaint regarding trapping. No enforcement action was necessary.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Atwood man for stealing a trail camera from property owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. In a separate incident, CPO Moody cited a Sullivan woman for dumping a large amount of household trash on a state-owned site.

CPO Moody cited a Bethany woman for dumping a large amount of household trash on a wildlife management area. She also had an outstanding warrant out of Piatt Count, and she was taken to the Moultrie County Jail.

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Moultrie County Sheriff's Office with a domestic disturbance call. The dispute was verbal, and an agreement was reached for one party to leave.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes issued several written warnings to archery deer hunters for not wearing blaze orange during the antlerless only deer season.

CPO Wellum received a TIP complaint of illegal trapping. He spoke with the complainant and located the trapper. The trapper was issued a written warning for trapping without permission of landowner.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued two civil citations to a subject for possession of cannabis, less than 2.5 grams, and drug paraphernalia. In a separate incident, he cited a deer hunter for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. A second deer hunter was cited for failure to check deer in same day as the kill. He cited a third deer hunter for hunting without a valid hunting license.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley was notified that the sheriff's department received complaints about someone in a vehicle shooting at deer from the roadway. A deputy stopped the vehicle, but no guns or deer were found in the vehicle. The deputy did find spent shotgun shells in the vehicle; and there was fresh blood in the cargo area. CPO Tapley interviewed the subjects and obtained a confession. The driver of the vehicle had shot a doe with a shotgun from the vehicle. The driver did not have a FOID card and was found to have a felony on his criminal history which made him ineligible to possess a firearm. The passenger assisted the driver with dragging the deer out of the woods and loading it into the vehicle. The deer and the shotgun had already been taken to a residence a short distance away. Both men were arrested and taken to the Clinton County Jail.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Lentz cited a deer hunter for using a slug gun during muzzleloader only season. He cited a second deer hunter for failure to wear the proper amount of solid blaze orange during muzzleloader season. A third hunter was cited for bow hunting deer without a valid deer permit.

CPO Ray arrested a subject for allowing another to use two archery deer permits. The second subject was arrested for possession in field of another's permits, use of two permits issued to another person, harvesting more than two bucks in a year, and unlawful take of a white-tailed deer.

CPO Lentz arrested a deer hunter on two outstanding warrants out of Jersey and Madison counties. The hunter was also cited for no valid deer permit, no valid hunting license, no valid habitat stamp, hunting without permission, unlawful taking of a deer, and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued the following citations: failure to immediately tag deer upon kill; taking a buck without a valid either sex tag; operation of a watercraft without wearable PFDs on board; littering; failure to wear the proper amount of solid blaze orange; bow hunting without a valid bow permit; failure to check deer in same day as kill; and throwing two deer in a ditch.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received several complaints about a subject spotlighting deer near Centralia. Shortly after dark, CPO Tapley observed a light from a vehicle shining several fields; and he conducted a vehicle stop. The driver had his wife and children in the vehicle. The driver was found to be in possession of an uncased rifle, and he had a revoked FOID card. He was also in possession of a substance suspected to be methamphetamine. The man was arrested and taken to the Washington County Jail.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Williams responded to a medical emergency call on I-57 to assist the Illinois State Police, West Frankfort Fire Department, and Abbott EMS in locating a motorist who reported an unconscious child in a vehicle. The child was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment.

CPO Williams assisted the West Frankfort Police Department in locating a subject who had fled on foot from a fight at an apartment building. The involved parties were located, and charges from the West Frankfort Police Department are pending.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan handled a complaint that occurred during the second firearm deer season. A landowner reported that a neighbor shot and killed their tame deer. The deer had escaped its enclosure and wandered onto the neighbor's property. It was discovered that the neighbor was 75 yards from the complainant's home when the shot was fired. The neighbor was cited for hunting too close to an inhabited dwelling without permission. The investigation is ongoing to determine if the deer was wild or lawfully obtained from another licensed game breeder.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed a deer hunter exiting a field; and a hunter compliance check was conducted. The hunter was discovered to not have his hunting license in possession, and he did not have a valid habitat stamp. Two written warnings were issued.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed a large truck hauling logs. A timber transportation inspection was conducted, and it was discovered that the driver of the log truck had no required IDNR paperwork to provide proof of ownership for the logs. The proof of ownership was determined through contacting the landowner. The driver of the log truck was issued a citation for failure to provide the required proof of ownership for hauled logs.

CPO Roper was on a waterfowl patrol at the Patoka Boat Launch when he observed a hunter walking back to his vehicle. A hunter compliance check was conducted, and the individual was found to be unlawfully in possession of one lead shot shell while waterfowl hunting. A written warning was issued.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers conducted a timber audit of a licensed timber buyer.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating an individual who is outfitting without a license.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a complaint of dead, untagged deer hanging at a residence. The nonresident hunters who shot the deer had valid permits; however, they did not have hunting licenses or habitat stamps. They advised that they had shot the deer the day before but had not gotten around to putting the tags on them. The hunters were cited for failure to tag the deer, and warnings were issued for the licensing violations.

CPO Lewis investigated a hunting accident which occurred at Pyramid State Recreation Area. A bow hunter suffered severe injuries when he fell 20 feet from a tree. The hunter was in the process of getting himself situated to hunt from a sling style stand. The hunter believed he was secured to the tree when he let go of the trunk and attempted to sit in the sling; however, the strap was not secured to the tree. The hunter suffered multiple broken bones, but he is expected to make a full recovery.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Lewis responded to a report of a theft at the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area. Several state-owned items were stolen; however, the stolen goods were found dumped along the highway not too far from where the theft occurred.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis filed felony charges on an operator who was involved in a fatal boating accident at Lake of Egypt. The new charge is aggravated reckless operation of a watercraft.

CPO Somers conducted a timber audit of a licensed timber buyer.

CPO Somers and US Fish and Wildlife Service Officer Schelling apprehended a man believed to be firearm deer hunting as a convicted felon who did not possess a valid FOID card. The individual also failed to wear blaze orange and did not possess a hunting license and firearm deer permit. The 12-gauge shotgun was seized as evidence.