



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, 2019)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Peecher conducted maintenance and prepared department issued snowmobile for the possible snow during the winter season.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Williams issued multiple written warnings to numerous waterfowl hunters in violation of hunting and boating laws on pool 13 of the Mississippi River.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Williams issued a written warning to a Savanna trapper for not wearing blaze orange during muzzleloader only deer season while setting traps.

CPO Peecher issued 2 written warnings for game violations

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri and Trainee were working firearm deer season and checked a large group of hunters. Multiple checks were completed with only a minor violation of permits not signed and FOID card not in possession while hunting with a firearm.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender issued a warning to a Galena man for checking his bow harvest in 4 days late and taking a skull and rack out of the woods without permission of a CPO.

CPO Peecher issued 1 citation for hunting over baited area; Responded to a fatal hunting accident with CPO Audrey Hoftender and Sgt. Petreikis. (still under investigation)

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO McKune conducted wildlife, fish and general enforcement over the course of the reporting period. Various citations and warnings were issued. CPO McKune also made 1 DUI arrest during the reporting period. The subject had a B.A.C. level of .119.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Peecher responded to a complaint of dead bald eagle just east of Oregon. An investigation was conducted and the eagle was found to have been struck by a car and the carcass was transferred directly to USFWS in Savanna, IL.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Williams issued a citation and written warning to a Byron crossbow hunter for hunting out of ground blind at Castle Rock State Park where a firearm deer season was in progress with no blaze orange affixed to the exterior of the camo blind.

CPO Beltran continues the search for missing boaters on the Rock River.

CPO Beltran conducted an investigation of duck hunters on IDOT property near Rochelle. The 42-year-old man from Davis Junction stated he was unaware if where he was hunting at the time. CPO Beltran pointed out the clear indications of state-owned property and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Peecher taught a snowmobile education course at Oregon Fire Department.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

A freeport man was interviewed by CPO Beltran during an investigation about several deer in his yard. Upon further investigation it was determined there was food being placed to attract the deer in town. Several of the neighbor's trees, plants, and shrubs were being consumed when the offender forgot to place out food. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Peecher issued 3 written warnings regarding an unlawfully acquired roadkill bobcat.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Williams issued a citation and written warnings to a Harmon man for shining a light from a vehicle on a remote road. Subject was also in possession of an uncased .9mm pistol, and had vehicle code violations.

CPO Peecher wrote 1 citation and 1 written warning.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Stanbary conducted a traffic stop in Bureau County near Buda. At the completion of the stop, a citation was issued for speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone) on Rt. 40. When the CPO completed the stop and left the area he discovered 3 packets of methamphetamine totaling 15 grams in the roadway where the traffic stop originated. The drugs were suspected to have been thrown out by the traffic violator. An investigation is ongoing into the incident.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak and CPOT Workman conducted a snowmobile safety course at Leone's Polaris in Peru, IL. Approximately 30 students participated in the event.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO McCarter attended an 'Active Attack Integrated Response' course organized by ALERRT. Course attendees included police, fire/EMS, and telecommunication personnel and focused on how to organize response resources at large scale attack situations. All of the attendees became certified ALERRT instructors to teach this program in the future.

MARSHALL COUNTY

A Marshall County deer hunter was hospitalized after a fall from a tree stand while hunting on his family's farm. The hunter sustained life threatening injuries after falling 9 feet from a homemade deer stand. CPO Stanbary responded to the scene and is investigating the accident.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited 3 Peoria County hunters for archery deer hunting on private property without permission of the landowner.

CPO Lazzell cited a firearm deer hunter at Jubilee College SP for hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPOT McClenning and CPO Finn conducted an investigation into an illegally taken deer. The investigation resulted with the arrest of two Tremont men for hunting from a vehicle, after hours, with a rifle, outside of season. There were 8 citations issued and one rifle seized. The hunters were poaching the deer for use as coyote bait.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard conducted a field compliance check on a deer hunter. The Wisconsin resident was found to be hunting without a valid hunting license, habitat stamp, and lack of blaze orange.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley is investigating a subject who bounced several checks at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Kelley cited a Lake County man for transporting an uncased, loaded crossbow on his ATV.

CPOT Kiprono and CPO Semenik arrested two individuals at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Semenik arrested a subject in Harvard for driving with a suspended driver's license and unlawfully transporting an uncased bow in a motor vehicle.

CPOT Kiprono and CPO Semenik arrested a subject in Marengo for failure to signal when required, operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, disobeying no passing zone, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPOT Kiprono and CPO Semenik arrested two subjects in Lawrence for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPOT Kiprono and CPO Semenik cited a subject in Marengo for having a loaded firearm after hours during the firearm deer season and failure to wear blaze orange.

CPOT Kiprono and CPO Semenik cited a subject for unlawfully hunting deer over bait and failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season.

SGT Schreiber cited three subjects at the Chain O' Lakes State Park for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area. The three subjects were hunting pheasant in the park and had been consuming alcohol most of the day. Two of the subjects had a BAC over 0.08%. When initially questioned about the smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from their breath, one subject began sniffing and stated he had taken some DayQuil earlier that morning. Fortunately they did not shoot each other or another hunter in the park that day.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber received a hunting without permission complaint. CPO Farber responded to the area and observed a waterfowl hunter set up in a field with goose decoys. CPO Farber made contact with the waterfowl hunter and conducted a field interview. After the interview CPO Farber determined that the young waterfowl hunter had obtained permission to hunt from a neighboring landowner. The young goose hunter ended up unintentionally setting up in the wrong field. CPO Farber explained the importance of doing "homework" before hunting and using proper County GIS maps to determine exact locations. A written warning was issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland received a complaint from a site tech at Silver Springs State Park about two subjects who were dumping yard waste in the ditch of a main road in the park. The site tech told them that they couldn't do what they were doing and to pick up what they had dumped. The tech had to leave but when he came back and checked the yard waste was still there. The site tech had taken down the license plate and vehicle description and relayed that to CPO Bergland. The next day CPO Bergland tracked down the vehicle and spoke to the suspects. They said that the city wasn't taking yard waste anymore and they didn't know what else to do with it. CPO Bergland escorted them back to the park where he made sure they cleaned it all up and then issued a written warning.

WILL COUNTY

While patrolling the Des Plaines Conservation Area in Will County, CPO Honiotes came across two pheasant hunters standing on the highway. Both hunters unloaded their shotguns while standing next to their vehicle. A compliance check was performed and it was discovered both hunters were using lead shot and one of the hunters had used his unplugged shotgun to unlawfully harvest a squirrel. The other hunter did not have his FOID card in his possession. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While checking pheasant hunters in Will County, CPO Honiotes contacted a group of four hunters who were using lead shot where prohibited. One of the hunters was observed hunting the highway ditch, while another was found to be hunting with a shotgun capable of holding four shotgun shells. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Prasun checked a fisherman along a river in southwestern Will County who had a Florida driver's license and a resident fishing license. Enforcement action was taken and the fisherman was educated on the laws in reference to Non-Resident Fishing Licenses.

While patrolling a state park in southern Will County, CPO Prasun encountered a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the dark. Contact was made with the occupants who were actively consuming alcohol inside the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken and the two occupants were educated on the laws relating to alcohol consumption in the state park.

While conducting hunter compliance checks at a state park in Will County, CPO Prasun located a subject unlawfully hunting deer with a crossbow during the site's permit pheasant season. The hunter also failed to wear the required blaze orange garments during the Chronic Waste Disease deer season. The hunter was cited for the blaze orange violation. Enforcement action was also taken and the hunter was educated on the administrative rules in reference to hunting in an area closed to deer hunting.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Kusta was conducting wildlife enforcement in DuPage county along the Des Plaines River. CPO Kusta checked two water fowl hunters. Both waterfowl hunters were in compliance with state and federal laws. Their watercraft had all the required equipment and valid registration.

CPO Kusta received a call regarding a dead buck in a backyard in DuPage County. The caller stated the buck looked fresh and there was a hole in its chest. CPO Kusta responded to the caller's residence and inspected the buck. CPO Kusta determined the 10-point buck was most likely struck by a vehicle. The buck had a broken front leg. The "hole" in the chest was under the broken leg and wasn't caused by a projectile.

CPO Kusta was conducting wildlife enforcement in southwest Cook County. CPO Kusta checked two archery deer hunters on private property. Both hunters were in compliance with state law.

CPO Kusta conducted a random commercial inspection regarding a Fur Bearing Animal Breeder permit in DuPage County. CPO Kusta contacted the permit holder and determined she was in compliance with her permit.

CPO Kusta conducted a random commercial inspection on a Resident Ginseng Dealer's license in Chicago. CPO Kusta requested to see the required records from the past 3 years. The ginseng dealer was unable to produce records from 2017. CPO Kusta educated the ginseng dealer on record keeping and issued a written warning. CPO Kusta provided the ginseng dealer with the administrative rules and Ginseng Harvesting Act.

CPO Kusta was conducting sport fish enforcement at a Chicago boat launch. CPO Kusta checked one fisherman that was not able to produce a copy of his Illinois fishing license. CPO Kusta conducted a check and confirmed the fisherman had a valid sport fishing license. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman and issued a written warning for not having his license in his possession.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Central Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis and Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

CPO Olroyd issued 2 citations to waterfowl hunters on the MRA for hunting with more than 3 shells in their shotguns.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Olroyd continues to investigate wildlife violations in Greene CO.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley instructed students on laws and guidelines pertaining to the Wildlife Code at a Hunter Safety course at the Hancock County Gun Club in Carthage. It was great to see so many youth hunters in attendance and teach them the legal way to be a sportsman as they are the future of Illinois' Outdoors.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff cited a hunter who was stopped by a Macoupin County Sheriff's Deputy at 9:30pm on a scooter with a crossbow slung across his back. He admitted to hunting deer earlier in the day and was going home. He was cited for uncased bow and issued a written warning for another wildlife infraction.

CPO's Gushleff and Olroyd received a complaint on Christmas Eve of hunters in an unregistered duck blind on the IL River in Jersey County. When the subjects were located there were 4 - 16-18-year-old men. After interviewing them, it was determined they weren't aware they were hunting illegally. They were all issued written warnings, and educated on the blind draw procedure of the Mississippi River SFWA.

CPO Gushleff and CPOT Roundcount patrolled Macoupin County on the opening day of the Late Winter deer season in Macoupin County.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer

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

CASS COUNTY

While patrolling Jim Edgar Panther Creek (JEPC) SFWA, CPO Wahlbrink discovered an archery deer hunter using a motorized bicycle to travel to and from his stand. While operating the bicycle, the hunter had his uncased crossbow slung over his shoulder. The individual was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an uncased crossbow and issued a written warning for using a motorized bicycle.

In another incident, CPO Wahlbrink issued two written warnings to hunters for failing to display their windshield cards and another written warning for parking in an area not designated for parking.

CPO Wahlbrink discovered a set of sticks in a field arranged in a way that were consistent with a scent post set commonly used for coyote trapping. Further investigation revealed a coil spring foothold trap at the set. Upon inspection of the trap, neither a name and address nor customer ID number were discovered. CPO Wahlbrink utilized an online mapping system to determine the property owner, and then used the department's online database to determine that the property owner and his son were licensed trappers. Upon questioning, the father admitted to owning the trap and the son admitted to setting the trap. They were educated on the importance of tagging their traps and the son was issued a written warning.

CPO Wichern cited a bow hunter at JEPC for failing to display a windshield permit, no name & address on his deer stand, and for failing to wear 400" blaze orange hat & vest during muzzleloading deer season.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink discovered a group of goose hunters hunting in layout blinds by their decoy spread in a cornfield. Compliance checks revealed all of them had purchased their required licenses and stamps. However, two of the hunters didn't have their documents in their possession. The hunters were issued written warnings. In another incident, a goose hunter was issued a written warning for not having his FOID card in his possession while in possession of a shotgun.

CPO Wahlbrink received a call about an injured Great Horned Owl sitting on the ground in a residential area. CPO Wahlbrink drove to the residence, captured the owl, placed it into a pet carrier, and delivered it to a staff member of the Illinois Raptor Center where it will undergo rehabilitation.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern cited (2) muzzleloader deer hunters for using unplugged 12-gauge shotguns, not wearing 400" blaze orange hat & vest during a firearm deer season, and not possessing valid deer permits.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch inspected a houseboat on Mill Creek Lake. The marine head on the houseboat was not sealed. The owner of the houseboat is elderly and in a nursing home. CPO Wellum discussed the incident with the Superintendent of Mill Creek Lake. It was decided to have the houseboat removed from the water.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch located an illegal stand on private property in Clark County. Multiple attempts were made to locate someone hunting from the stand without success.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch received a timber cutting complaint from a landowner in Clark County who lives adjacent to the area of the cut. CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch walked the area and did not locate any timber violations.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch located what appeared to be an oil sheen on the water while walking some property in Clark County close to a Marathon Pipe Line. CPO Wellum contacted Marathon, they immediately sent people to examine the possible oil leak. Upon close examination it was decided the "sheen" was from an organic substance in the water and not from oil. Marathon was very happy for the call-in case it had been an oil leak.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch performed a deer decoy detail in Clark County. A car stopped on the roadway and used its headlights to shine the decoy. The driver of the vehicle did not have a firearm in the vehicle. The driver was issued a written warning for shining from a vehicle.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch issued two salvage deer tags to a Clark County Resident who located two deer racks which were stuck together.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch inspected a taxidermy shop in Clark County.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch inspected traps used by a Clark County Trapper.

CPO Wellum and CPOT Roesch made a public appearance at the North Elementary School in Marshall.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt dispatched a sick racoon in a populated subdivision in Mattoon.

CPO Mieure and CPOT Workman issued a Mattoon man and woman each written warnings for possession of cannabis.

CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man one written warning for no habitat stamp.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted a foreign exchange student from EIU that was lost at Walnut Point State Park.

CPO Hyatt began an investigation into a subject claiming to be an outfitter, and was placing people on property where he has no permission to be or hunt.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted Edgar County Deputies dispatching a wounded deer on a busy intersection of Lower Terre Haute rd. south of Paris.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man in rural Moultrie County for hunting without permission.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel issued a Decatur man a written warning for a deer hunting violation in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel issued a Stewardson woman a written warning for deer hunting violation in Shelby County.

CPO Barnes assisted stranded vehicles during the snow storm.

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 G. Anderson checked several deer hunters at Clinton Lake SRA. CPO Anderson issued two written warnings for a hunter not possessing a valid habitat stamp and an archery deer hunter not wearing blaze orange during muzzleloader season.

CPO G. Anderson and DeWitt County Sheriff's Office responded to a single car accident on State Route 54 and State Route 48. No injuries were discovered from the accident.

CPO Ausmus responded to a fishing complaint at Clinton Lake Marina. Contact was made with three subjects fishing on a rental dock posted with no fishing signs. The subjects were all issued written warnings for fishing without permission and educated on marina rules.

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man in rural Moultrie County for hunting without permission CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man in rural Moultrie County for hunting without permission

CPO Ausmus was working behind Clinton Lake Power station after legal shooting hours when he observed a Decatur man driving slowly down the unimproved roads, using a spotlight to illuminate deer. CPO Ausmus conducted a traffic stop and interviewed the subject who admitted to just leaving his deer stand and wanted to see where all the deer went. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful attempt to take wildlife and several written warnings.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden patrolled McLean County and conducted several compliance checks on upland game hunters as well as whitetail deer hunters. He also spent nighttime hours in portions of the county where night-hunting complaints have been received. No enforcement action was taken.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO's Ausmus and Viverito came upon two hunters field dressing a mature buck. The hunters were still afield with no blaze orange on and the deer had been moved by ATV and was still untagged. When asked about the missing tag the hunter admitted his license and permits were still up at his house. The hunters were issued a citation for the untagged deer, and warnings for no blaze orange and tags not in possession.

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias was on patrol when he noticed a pair of duck hunters coming back to the boat ramp after a cold day of waterfowl hunting. As they arrived one of the hunters saw the CPO and quickly put down something he had in his hand. As they arrived at the ramp, the CPO conducted a waterfowl hunting compliance check. The subject quickly told the CPO, "I was not hunting, I am long for the ride!". The CPO noticed the subject had camo waders with shells in his cummerbund, a long duck band necklace around his neck, and several duck calls hanging from his side. There were also two shotguns onboard. After they recovered their boat, the CPO asked who was hunting. Only one subject said he was, the second subject kept with his statement of going along for the ride. The CPO implored the pair for honesty and after a while the original subject admitted to hunting without a valid FOID card. A citation was issued for no FOID and the pair were allowed to keep their ducks.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner investigated a pole-barn which was struck with a deer slug during first gun deer season. The landowner was understandably concerned since his house was very close and primarily consisted of windows on the side facing the direction the slug came from. After extensive foot patrol on about 130 acres, evidence was collected and a suspect developed. CPO Schachner interviewed the hunter, (who was forthright and honest) and the evidence matched up with the information the hunter provided. The hunter violated a basic gun safety rule by shooting uphill at a deer that was on or near the crest of a hill. The hunter missed the deer, but the slug continued approximately 350 yards before striking the pole barn. The hunter was cited for damaging property of another person while hunting and willingly agreed to pay the property owner for the damages. CPO Schachner contacted the other three hunters in the hunting group and reminded them of the dangers of shooting at game on/near hill-crests.

CPO Schachner checked a baited property during late-winter deer season and discovered a subject hunting without blaze orange. In addition, the subject was driving out on an ATV with an uncased/loaded crossbow. The hunter received a citation and warning and the landowner was cited for baiting deer.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

While on patrol during the second firearm deer season, CPO Gerdes, located a man hunting in Washington County using Perry County permits. The man stated he was unaware his tags were for the wrong county. The hunter was cited for unlawfully deer hunting without a valid permit.

**District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline & White)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Jourdan cited a man at Rend Lake for taking over the daily limit of Crappie.

CPOT Iaffaldano and CPO Folden investigated a 2-vessel boat accident with no injuries that occurred on Rend Lake. Both vessels were on the water for the purpose of crappie fishing. One of the vessels was moving locations and simply did not see the vessel in front of him. The operator of the at fault vessel was issued a citation for a navigation rules violation.

CPOT Iaffaldano and CPO Folden checked multiple boaters and crappie fishermen on Rend Lake. Many written warnings were issued for minor boating violations. One crappie fisherman was cited for unlawfully taking too many crappies 10 inches or larger. The limit for crappie on Rend Lake is 25 per day, only 10 can be 10 inches or greater. The fisherman in violation unlawfully took 13 crappies greater than 10 inches.

CPO Williams was received a phone call from a Pennsylvania hunter who wanted to confess to the illegal harvest of a deer in Franklin County. The hunter advised they had killed an antlered deer and used an antlerless tag on the deer.

This occurred when the hunter was 12 years old and several years before moving to Pennsylvania. The hunter agreed to surrender the antlers and shipped them to the Region Office for disposal.

CPO Knop and CPO Wilkerson responded to a complaint of people hunting past 1pm at Rend Lake. While progressing towards where they were hunting, they encountered heading back to the truck. Emerging from a place of concealment CPO made contact with the hunter and found he was "floating" a fourth shell in his shotgun. There were two other younger hunters and no other violations were found. A citation was issued for hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells, and warnings were issued for hunting past 1pm.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Haggerty is investigating the unlawful use of property only hunting deer permits by another.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

While in the area of Rend Lake, CPO Wilkinson and CPO Knop received a complaint of duck hunters, hunting in a closed area. When CPO Wilkinson and Knop arrived, three hunters were discovered hunting in the closed location after 1:00 PM. CPO Wilkinson issued 3 written warnings.

CPO Jourdan completed an investigation on a complaint from second firearm deer season. The complaint resulted in violations of taking a deer with a .243 rifle, no deer permit, no hunting license, and no blaze orange.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson observed an ATV traveling on the roadway with two occupants wearing blaze orange and camo. CPO Wilkinson stopped the ATV and observed two uncased and loaded crossbows in the ATV. CPO Wilkinson issued the operator a citation and the passenger a warning. The crossbows were then made inoperable and the hunters went on their way.

CPO Wilkinson participated in a Pope County Government sponsored, shop with a cop at Walmart. CPO Wilkinson was able to meet kids within the Pope County communities and they were able to spend \$100 apiece on gifts of their choice.

CPO Wilkinson discovered a group of rabbit hunters. A compliance check was performed and one hunter was found using an unplugged shotgun and did not have a hunting license in possession. One citation and one written warning was issued.

CPO Wolf assisted CPO Wilkinson investigate multiple trespassing issues.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson observed a vehicle with a year old expired registration tag. CPO Wilkinson conducted a traffic stop and a citation was issued to the operator for unlawful operation of a vehicle with expired registration.

CPO Wilkinson was passed by a Saline County ambulance and it pulled into a nearby house. CPO Wilkinson asked if assistance was needed and it was stated an unconscious subject was lying on the floor of the home. CPO Wilkinson made entry into the home with EMS. The subject was conscious upon entry and became aggressive with EMS. CPO Wilkinson assisted with calming the individual who was determined to be under the influence alcohol. After several

minutes of conversation with the subject and EMS, the individual began to cooperate and was loaded into the Ambulance.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty assisted in the White County shop with a cop.

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

CPO Willand along with CPO Hyatt are investigating an illegal deer dumping case within Crawford County. CPO Willand was assigned as an Academy Advisor for the incoming recruit class.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

CPO Wolf cited two individuals for illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Wolf cited a Georgia resident waterfowl hunting with no valid hunting license and using a motor greater than 10 horsepower.

CPO Spinka made contact with an individual that was deer hunting over bait in Alexander County. The subject was cited for the violation.

CPO Vasicek and Sommers contacted 2 waterfowl hunters on state of Illinois property. One subject was in possession of methamphetamine the other in possession of cannabis. Wildlife code violations were also discovered. Subject(s) arrested and charged with various felony, misdemeanor, and civil charges

CPO Wolf assisted CPO Spinka investigating multiple deer camps

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation after he was found to be firearm deer hunting without a valid permit.

CPO Vasicek charged a subject with the unlawful take of 2 white tailed deer, hunting too close to a dwelling, and failure to tag/ report harvested deer.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas cited two subjects for dumping several deer carcasses at Fern Clyffe State Park in Johnson County.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual for raccoon hunting without permission of the landowner.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for leaving the FT. Massac campground without paying his camping fees.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for possession of an untagged deer.

CPO Wolf worked waterfowl enforcement at Mermet Lake. Multiple written warnings were issued.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Tapley assisted CPO Lewis with an animal cruelty investigation.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for hunting in Union County with a Jackson County Firearm Permit.

CPO Vasicek charged a non-resident hunter for unlawfully killing a Trumpeter Swan while waterfowl hunting. The swan was recovered and seized.

CPO Vasicek charged Florida subject for hunting without firearm permit, hunting license, habitat stamp, and blaze orange. Subject also hunting with aid of bait (salt).

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued 3 citations to an out of state deer hunter. The hunter was hunting in Williamson County and unlawfully shot a deer without a valid permit.

CPO Somers and USFWS Wildlife Officer Campbell conducted a detail on Crab Orchard Refuge. Two subjects were cited for hunting by the aid of a vehicle, transporting an uncased firearm, shooting from the roadway, hunting from the roadway and unlawful attempt to take a deer.