



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 February 16 – 28, 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

CPO Jones spoke with the fourth-grade class at Chadwick Elementary about survival and wildlife.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri conducted snowmobile enforcement. Several operators were cited for violation of the mandatory insurance regulation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a North Carolina man for falsification, failure to tag immediately upon kill, and unlawful take of a white-tailed deer. The same subject was also issued warnings for failure to tag immediately upon kill, no valid permit, and falsification.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas completed an investigation which occurred during the past firearm deer season. Two hunters failed to tag their deer as required, then used another person’s permit to tag one of the deer. The following day, one of the hunters unlawfully took a buck without a permit. Both hunters were cited for their offenses, and the antlers and deer meat were seized.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran conducted snowmobile enforcement. Several snowmobile compliance inspections were performed, and citations were issued for no insurance and no registration.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Teas attended the QCCA Sport Show.

CPOs Francisko and Posateri, along with Sgt. Petreikis, conducted snowmobile enforcement. The detail resulted in the issuance of numerous citations and written warnings. The following violations were detected: failure to transfer snowmobile registration to new owner within 15 days of purchase; operation of snowmobile without Illinois snowmobile registration; operation of snowmobile without registration card in possession; operation of snowmobile without proof of insurance; and operation along a roadway without a valid driver's license or snowmobile safety course card.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Teas attended a hunter safety education class.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Francisko responded to a call regarding a personal injury/property damage snowmobile accident. A Tampico resident operated a snowmobile onto the road and collided with a truck. The snowmobile operator was seriously injured and transported to the hospital. The driver of the truck was not injured. This accident remains under investigation.

CPO Francisko issued several snowmobile citations and written warnings. The following violations were detected: failure to transfer snowmobile registration to new owner within 15 days of purchase; operation of snowmobile without proof of insurance; operation of snowmobile without registration card in possession; fleeing to elude; careless operation of a snowmobile; and operation of snowmobile without Illinois registration. Illinois residents are required to have the snowmobile registered in Illinois if it is being used in Illinois, regardless if it is registered in another state. The Illinois snowmobile trail pass decal is only for nonresidents.

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

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Jansen responded to a report of a fall on the St. Louis Canyon trail at Starved Rock State Park. When he arrived on scene, it was determined the hiker had tripped on a tree root and injured his left quadricep. CPO Jansen provided first aid until EMS arrived. The hiker was transported on a back board to an ambulance where he refused treatment.

CPO Graden followed up on a personal injury snowmobile crash investigation resulting in the operator being cited for operation of a snowmobile on a public roadway while driver's license was suspended and unlawful operation of a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol. The operator pled guilty to both charges. He was ordered to pay a fine and court costs totaling \$1,190, one-year court supervision, and undergo drug and alcohol treatment.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser received an anonymous complaint that a subject had a live bobcat as a house pet. CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven completed an exhaustive investigation but were unable to find a permanent residence for the suspect or any solid evidence. Contact with Federal Probation and the subject's landlord eventually confirmed the subject's permanent residence. The landlord, upon hearing of the possibility of a bobcat in their rented property, requested that the CPOs enter the residence to ensure there was no risk to other tenants of the building or violation of rental agreements. In compliance with State law, CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven, along with local law enforcement, assisted the landlord in checking the residence. No bobcat was located, however, a bobtailed house cat with large paws was observed in the residence.

CPO Alt established and worked two recreational snowmobile enforcement details. Approximately 44 recreational snowmobile operators were inspected resulting in nine citations and 26 written warnings being issued for: unlawful operation of an unnumbered snowmobile; unlawful operation of a snowmobile upon a controlled access highway; unlawful operation of an uninsured snowmobile; failure to display valid registration decals; failure to possess certificate of number during operation; failure to cross roadway 90 degrees to traffic flow; unlawful operation of snowmobile against traffic flow; and failure to have 16 square inches of reflective material on each side of cowling.

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District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

After receiving information alleging unlawful take of waterfowl, CPOs Thompson and Elliott patrolled a waterfowl hunting location south of Canton. As the result of the patrol, they conducted a compliance check of a Connecticut man who was hunting on the property. It was determined that the man had not purchased his license and stamps prior to the hunt. In addition, the man confessed to the unlawful take of a swan. The poached swan was located inside an abandoned trailer on the property.

CPO Thompson received information about a potential deer permit violation, and he interviewed a Fairview man. The subject confessed to failing to tag the deer immediately upon kill and unlawful possession of an illegally taken deer. The man admitted he shot a doe on opening day of the first firearm deer season. He said he did not want to "burn" his buck tag on a doe, so he purchased a doe permit and tagged the deer later in the day. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted defensive tactics training focused on control tactics. Additionally, CPOs were trained on weapon retention and disarming techniques.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell investigated an archery deer hunter for hunting violations during the 2017 season. Upon completion of the investigation, the Metamora man was issued citations for hunting deer without a valid archery deer permit and unlawful take of white-tailed deer. Also, two written warnings were issued for additional hunting violations.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition regarding a case from the fall of 2015 involving hunting white-tailed deer from the roadway. Subject one plead guilty in Adams County Court to unlawfully hunting white-tailed deer from a roadway and unlawful harvest of a white-tailed deer. Subject one was assessed a total fine/court costs of \$682. Subject two plead guilty in Adams County Court to unlawful harvest of a white-tailed deer (Accessory) and was assessed a total fine/court costs of \$682.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition regarding a case from the fall of 2017 involving hunting white-tailed deer over bait. The subject pled guilty in Adams County Court to unlawfully feeding/making feed available to white-tailed deer. The subject was assessed a total fine/court costs of \$457 and a six-month court supervision.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition regarding a second case from the fall of 2017 involving hunting white-tailed deer over bait. The subject pled guilty in Adams County Court to unlawfully hunting white-tailed deer over bait. The subject was assessed a total fine/court costs of \$642.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition regarding a hunting permit violation from 2018. The subject pled guilty in Adams County Court to unlawfully archery deer hunting without a valid permit. The subject was assessed a \$120 fine.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley acted on a tip regarding a subject illegally feeding deer and met with the subject at his residence. The subject explained his side of the story; however, he was informed that regardless of his intent, feeding deer was illegal. He was also informed about the impact on the deer herd by feeding them and how CWD is spread. CPO Wheatley shared information regarding how a deer's system is affected by having the food source. The laws and a list of charges that could follow were discussed, and the subject had a renewed sense of understanding. He was advised that his honesty was greatly appreciated; and instead of filing several charges against him, one citation would be issued since he seemed to have a greater understanding of the rules.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten received a court disposition regarding a case involving a Missouri resident harvesting a buck without a permit and reporting it as a road kill harvest. The subject pled guilty to archery deer hunting without a permit, and his fines/costs totaled \$1088.

CPO Goetten received notification of a plea agreement regarding a Kentucky man. During the 2017 firearm deer season, CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle from Kentucky for an equipment violation. The driver was in possession of a deer he claimed had been harvested in Kentucky. The investigation revealed the subject had been hunting in Illinois for years and was using permits issued to an Illinois acquaintance. At that time, he was issued three citations and released. The buck was seized pending investigation. Following the arrest, additional information was received regarding other bucks harvested illegally in Illinois by this subject and his father. The case was presented to the Jersey County State's Attorney's Office, and a plea agreement was reached. Both subjects pled in Jersey County. They surrendered four illegally taken bucks and paid fines/costs of \$4000. The originally seized buck was confirmed to have been taken in Kentucky and was returned as part of the plea agreement.

CPO Goetten conducted a traffic stop, and it was discovered that the driver was wanted on an Alton Police Department arrest warrant. He was arrested, and his bond was set at \$5000 (10%).

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Goetten received a court disposition regarding a case from November 2017 involving a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle during late night hours. The passenger was found to have illegally harvested a buck earlier in the day. The buck was seized, and the subject was cited. He pled guilty to firearm deer hunting without a permit, and his fines/costs totaled \$472.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone
(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran attended a hunter safety education class and taught the law portion to approximately 50 students.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias seized a pair of personal watercraft titles for failure to title within the allotted timeframe. He also went to a subject's home to get a statement on a boat investigation.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan concluded a deer investigation which ended with citations and warning issued for unlawful take of deer without a permit, failure to tag immediately, and no hunting license.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Knop attended a youth ice fishing clinic on Channel Lake in Antioch. The clinic was organized by the North American Ice Fishing Circuit, and over 30 kids came out with family members to brave the cold conditions to catch fish.

CPO Kelley responded to a call regarding an injured hawk. The caller believed the hawk was ensnared by a wire. A search was done of the area described by the caller, however, the hawk was not found.

CPO Knop was checking ice fishermen when he noticed a man who was frantically trying to start his snowmobile upon seeing him. Further investigation revealed the snowmobile was not registered and did not have insurance. Citations were issued.

CPO Vaughan gave a presentation to the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County's active adult group. Topics included the job of an Illinois CPO, water safety, and furbearer identification.

CPO Vaughan participated in the Read Across America Event at Millburn Elementary School.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis completed a residency investigation resulting in the seizure of the antlers from a nine-point buck and a ten-point buck. The offender was charged with multiple counts of falsification of records, two counts of unlawful take of white-tailed deer, hunting without a nonresident hunting license, and hunting without nonresident deer permits.

CPO Semenik checked a pair ice fishing on McCollum Lake. Citations and written warnings were issued for unlawfully fishing with too many devices, possession of less than ten grams of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPOs Semenik and Knop conducted a snowmobile enforcement detail. Thirty-two citations and 14 written warnings were issued for various violation under the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

Sgt. Schreiber and CPOs Semenik and Knop assisted the McHenry County Conservation District with a snowmobile accident on the Prairie Trail.

Sgt. Schreiber and CPO Vaughan patrolled snowmobile trails. Several citations and warnings were issued for various snowmobile infractions.

CPO Kelley responded to a call of a raccoon in a live trap in Spring Grove. The animal was released, and the trap was confiscated because there was no tag or owner information on the trap.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber received a TIP complaint from CPO Vadbunker regarding deer carcasses dumped along the roadway near the Kankakee-Iroquois county line. The carcasses were located, and CPO Farber conducted a short interview with the subject suspected of dumping the deer carcasses. The Clifton man was issued one citation.

CPO Farber received a complaint from the St. Anne Township Supervisor. The Supervisor advised that trash had been dumped on/along several roadways within the Township. CPO Farber responded to the scene and found that the trash was spread throughout the ditches on two different roads. A big screen television, living room furniture, and other items were found dumped in the middle of the roadway. CPO Farber and the Township Supervisor located evidence in the trash that identified the potential violators. CPO Farber traveled to a residence in Kankakee to conduct interviews. During the interview, two subjects admitted that they dumped the trash. Both men were issued a citation and a mandatory court date. The violators willingly traveled back to St. Anne Township and picked up all their garbage.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid interviewed a subject who admitted to shooting a deer in Saline County and using his hunting partner's permit to tag his deer. Both subjects were issued citations for the violations they committed.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Mooi is investigating a report of feeding deer in northern Chicago. Numerous complaints have been received regarding the unlawful activity.

CPO Mooi is assisting the US Coast Guard with an investigation regarding a sunken boat.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located an individual fishing without license in possession at DuSable Harbor. The individual was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located four untagged, unattended sport fishing devices at a Lake Michigan harbor. The two owners of the devices were located and educated as to the fishing regulations pertaining to the unattended sport fishing devices. Each received a written warning for the violation.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga attended a hunter safety education course.

CPO Klemme conducted taxidermy inspections. Several violations were observed, including failure to maintain records for two years and missing information in records and/or on tags. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Klemme conducted several follow-up interviews for illegal charter investigations.

CPOs Ausmus and Thornley attended the funeral services for Chicago Police Department Commander Paul Bauer.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement. An angler was cited for fishing without a sport fishing license.

CPO Ausmus conducted a random commercial taxidermy inspection, and no violations were found.

CPO Ausmus checked several perch fishermen who were actively fishing at Lake Michigan. Two warnings were issued for fishing license not in possession.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass checked perch fishermen at the Calumet River. One angler was found to have three yellow perch fillets in his possession and was using them for bait. The Wisconsin man was informed that no fish species may be dressed or filleted on any waters to which length or bag limits are applicable. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Ausmus conducted a fish enforcement detail. Four written warnings were issued for too many sport fishing devices. All Cook County Forest Preserve waters have a two pole and line restriction.

CPO Ausmus issued two written warnings for fishing without a valid sport fishing license at a quarry lake.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement and checked fishermen at the Calumet River. One fisherman was found to be fishing with no fishing license in possession. A written warning was issued for the violation. He also walked on the ice to check three fishermen in an ice shelter. It was determined the owner of the shelter did not have his name or address on the shelter as required. The fisherman was issued a written warning for the violation. No other violations were found.

CPO Thornley checked various fishing locations along Lake Michigan.

CPO Thornley was traveling north on Lake Shore Drive when a silver Toyota passed him at a high rate of speed in a very high traffic area. The vehicle weaved in and out of traffic without signaling before changing lanes. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver stated he was late for church. The driver was issued a citation for failure to signal and given a written warning for speed.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at the South Slip along the Calumet River. A fisherman that was fishing with three poles was checked. The fisherman was asked if he had his name and address on the third fishing pole as required. The fisherman stated he did not know there was a rule for that. The man was given the "Illinois Fishing Information" digest, and he was educated on the rule. A written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley spotted two men fishing along the slip at Lake Michigan and made his way over to them. He requested to see their fishing licenses. One of the fishermen did not possess a valid sport fishing license, and he denied he was fishing. CPO Thornley showed the fisherman his binoculars and advised him that he had been watching him for the last ten minutes. The fisherman was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Snodgrass conducted fishing compliance checks at Montrose Harbor. He found a subject who did not possess a valid spot fishing license, and the subject was issued a written warning for the violation. He informed the subject how to get a fishing license through the IDNR website.

CPO Snodgrass located an unattended fishing pole in the water at Busse Lake. After checking several fishermen, he located the owner of the pole who was approximately 50 yards away and out of sight of the pole. CPO Snodgrass educated the subject on leaving his pole out and unattended, and he was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Stanbary completed a deer investigation stemming from the 2017 firearm season. Citations were issued to a deer hunter from the Chicago area and deer hunter from Indiana for unlawful activity that occurred in Saline County. One hunter was cited for failing to immediately tag his deer upon harvest, and the other hunter was cited for failing to report his harvest of a deer by 10:00 p.m. CPO Stanbary was assisted in the investigation by officers from the Indiana Conservation Police.

CPO Stanbary located an injured goldeneye duck inside William W. Powers State Recreation Area. The duck could not fly and appeared distressed. He captured the duck and discovered that it had a large amount of an unknown sticky substance attached to its breast. Efforts were made to help the distressed bird, but unfortunately it expired before arriving at an animal rescue facility in Glen Ellyn.

Two fishermen near the South Slip were issued written warnings after the CPO noticed litter outside their vehicle as they were readying to leave. When questioned, the two admitted to throwing beer cans and an empty bait package on the ground. While the men were picking up their garbage, the CPO detected an odor of cannabis and questioned one of the fishermen. A drug pipe and baggy of cannabis was confiscated from the individual, and a civil cannabis citation was issued.

CPO Stanbary conducted fish enforcement along Lake Michigan and in the harbors. Multiple written warnings were issued to fishermen for no license in possession and unlawfully dressing yellow perch in waters where a bag limit applies.

CPO Alt taught a class for the Cook County Forest Preserve Police regarding Illinois snowmobile laws and tactical snowmobile police patrol operations.

DUPAGE COUNTY

After a lengthy investigation, CPO Mooi issued a citation to a Roselle man for unlawful take of white-tailed deer without a deer permit.

CPO Mooi conducted a taxidermy inspection, and no violations were observed.

CPO Mooi stopped a vehicle for speeding after it was observed being operated in an unsafe manner. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Mooi attended the Urban Wildlife Workshop at Willowbrook Wildlife Center. The workshop is conducted annually to help local government agencies and commercial or not-for-profit organizations learn to coexist and deal with wildlife in Illinois in a legal, humane manner.

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 Reeves and Sgt. Williamson observed three male subjects from Rantoul netting and keeping sport fish. There were several short largemouth bass among the fish they had kept. The three subjects also had in their possession short crappie that had been netted. Each subject was issued multiple citations and a mandatory court date in DeWitt County.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Sgt. Wollgast and CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Reid, Honiotes, and Farber assisted the Watseka Police Department in providing security patrols, traffic enforcement, evacuations, and other assistance during their major flood event over a 30-hour period.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO Graden and Sgt. Williamson responded to a personal injury snowmobile crash. The investigation determined two simultaneous crashes occurred at the same location and at the same time, but each crash was independent of the other. Two adult male snowmobile operators were riding across a farm field at estimated speeds ranging from 50 to 90 mph when they encountered a deep waterway that ran through the field. Both riders struck the waterway which caused their snowmobiles to become airborne, and both riders were thrown off. Extensive damage was done to both snowmobiles. One rider suffered a broken right shoulder, cracked vertebrae, and broken left ankle. The other rider sustained a broken back and broken left arm. Each rider was issued a citation for unlawful operation of a snowmobile-too fast for conditions.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright gave a presentation to students at Richland Community College regarding IDNR Conservation Police positions.

CPO Wright responded to a vehicle in the water due to flooding.

CPO Graden closed out a case regarding unlawful operation of watercraft while under the influence of drugs. The incident occurred on Lake Decatur. The watercraft operator pled guilty, and he was ordered to pay a fine and court costs totaling \$1,155. The subject was also directed to attend a Victim Impact Panel, perform ten hours of drug-related education, and 20 hours of drug treatment.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted safety patrols due to flood conditions.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted the Clark County Sherriff's Office and Illinois State Police with traffic control at a semi vs. car accident.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued an Arcola man a written warning for speeding.

Working on a tip from Coles County Sheriff's deputies, CPO Mieure issued an Oakland man one citation for unlawful possession of wild turkey. Two written warnings were also issued for unlawful take of wild turkey and no valid permit.

CPOs Greuel and Mieure cited an Oakland man for possession of an unlawfully taken turkey and unlawfully taken white-tailed deer.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued four salvage deer tags.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOs Barnes and Moody investigated a trespass complaint. Two Atwood subjects were caught on private property by a trail camera. After tracking down the individuals and interviewing them, they admitted that they were shed hunting on the property and were unaware of the property line. Both individuals were issued written warnings for trespass and hunting without permission.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man who drove around a barricade and drove approximately one mile along the shoreline of Lake Shelbyville before getting his vehicle buried in the mud in a cove. A backhoe had to be used to dig the vehicle out of the lake bed.

CPO Moody cited a Blue Mound man, as well as a Sullivan man, at Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area for "mudding" and tearing up the property. CPO Moody cited a second Sullivan man for the same activity. That individual got his truck buried in the mud.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes attended a hunter safety education course.

CPO Mieure issued two Mattoon men two written warnings for fishing without a license.

CPO Greuel issued several written warnings for vehicle code violations to an Effingham man.

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

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers attended a hunter safety education class.

CPO Sievers assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance call.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPOs Sievers and Schachner investigated a waterfowl complaint. It was reported that there were dead waterfowl in a slough that could be observed from a train. The carcasses in the water were found to be fish and not waterfowl. The fish likely died because the shallow water froze.

CPO Rolfingsmeier investigated a hunting without permission complaint. The incident occurred during the late winter firearm deer season. The landowner provided information and a picture of the hunter with a muzzleloader rifle. St. Clair County is not open for the late firearm season. The hunter was interviewed, and he admitted that he was using the muzzleloader to hunt deer. He also admitted that he did not have a firearm tag. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting deer during a closed season.

CPO Schachner received the disposition on a citation issued to a violator for wanton waste of useable meat from waterfowl. The subject pled guilty and was fined \$500.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation to a driver for speeding. The vehicle was traveling 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

CPO Lay arrested a subject who was wanted on a Failure to Appear Warrant out of Monroe County. The suspect was taken into custody without incident, and the bond amount was \$5,000 (10% applies).

CPO Williams located the owners of two watercraft which had gone adrift during flash flooding at a Franklin County lake.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Folden attended the flood preparation planning meeting at the Shawneetown Fire Department. A meeting will be held every day to plan for needed resource allocation during the current flood of the Ohio, Wabash, Little Wabash, and Saline rivers. Flood waters are expected to reach the 53.6-foot level at Old Shawneetown which is in the top ten all time high water levels.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Lay completed two randomly assigned commercial taxidermist inspections in McLeansboro. One license holder did not have any violations. The second taxidermist was issued a written warning for failing to get all the required information when accepting species into his business.

Sgt. Cariens responded to requests for multiple water rescues between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. due to flooding.

CPO Williams responded to a request for assistance from CPO Folden in dealing with multiple vehicles in the water.

CPO Folden received a call at home from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department to assist with a boat in the rescue of three people who had been swept off the roadway into flood waters. He immediately responded, and a boat was launched with the assistance of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and the Hamilton County Emergency Management staff. CPO Folden navigated the boat down a ditch into very shallow, swift water; and he located the subjects. CPO Folden safely recovered one adult female, one adult male, and one female child from the top of a submerged, full size pickup truck. The adult occupants of the vehicle made a bad decision to drive into the water but made an excellent decision to keep the family calm and remain on top of the truck instead of entering the cold, swift water.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan received a court disposition regarding a case involving two Tennessee residents who were unlawfully firearm deer hunting. Both men were checked in November of 2017 and found to be hunting with shotguns after dark. One of the shotguns was unplugged. These same two men were arrested in Jefferson County in 2015 for unlawfully taking white-tailed bucks without valid permits.

Sgt. Cariens responded with a boat when he received a request for assistance regarding a vehicle in the flood water.

Sgt. Cariens observed a man make long, quick "jerk and pulls" with his fishing pole. The man stopped the pulling action when he saw the Officer and began to normally reel in the line. A huge treble hook was on the end of the line when reeled in, and he was cited for snagging fish.

POPE COUNTY

No activity was reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued one citation for no valid hunting license, three written warnings for deer violations from the previous deer season, and one written warning for littering on a public roadway.

CPO Johnson received a trail camera photo of a subject hunting illegally. The subject was holding a knocked bow and arrow. CPO Johnson showed the picture to various individuals, and a person at a gas station recognized the subject. CPO Johnson located an address for the subject and contacted CPO Schoenhoff to assist. The subject told the complete truth. He stated he hunted without permission but was unaware of the dates for the deer season. CPO Johnson explained he would speak with the State's Attorney about the subject being able to attend a hunter safety education course in lieu of convictions on all the charges. He was issued the following citations: hunting without permission; no hunting license; no deer permit; and hunting deer during the closed season. He was issued the following warnings: hunting without permission; no hunting license; no valid permit; no habitat stamp; and unlawful attempt to take deer during the closed season.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff, assisted by CPO Diggins, captured an injured adult bald eagle. The eagle was transported to Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation. The eagle's x-rays showed the wing was fractured, and there was a possible spiral fracture of the bone. No foul play was suspected.

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

No activity reported for this county.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Compton received information that a subject may have unlawfully killed an eight-point buck prior to purchasing his deer tag. After an investigation into the incident, the subject was charged with unlawful take of a deer, and the deer head and deer meat was seized.

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

CPOs Johnson and Vasicek stopped two Missouri subjects in a pickup truck for suspected road hunting. The pair was found to be in possession of two loaded pistols and an AR-15. They also had over 13 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Both subjects were arrested and jailed. The evidence was also seized.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers interviewed multiple suspects for the unlawful take of multiple deer.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis observed a pickup truck stopped in the roadway; and as he approached the vehicle, the driver got out and began urinating on the road. When the driver saw CPO Lewis, he quickly jumped back into the truck and threw a beer can behind the seat. The driver failed the field sobriety testing. A deputy with the Perry County Sheriff's Office arrived to assist and transport the driver to the jail for processing. The driver was charged with DUI (BAC of 0.65%), improper parking on the roadway, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek charged a subject with the unlawful take of a white-tailed deer with archery equipment. The deer was harvested without a permit, hunting license, or required habitat stamp.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is conducting deer investigations regarding unlawful take of deer.

CPO Johnson issued a citation and two written warnings to a subject who harvested a deer without a permit in 2017. The investigation revealed the individual went and purchased the permit after the deer was killed.