



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 January 1 – 15, 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 Teas completed an investigation in Carroll and Whiteside counties. An archery hunter killed a buck in Whiteside County and failed to tag the deer. The next day, the hunter’s brother-in-law purchased tags in Carroll County and allowed the hunter to use his permit to tag the deer and check it in. Both subjects were cited, and the deer antlers were seized.

CPO Hoftender cited a Savanna man at Mississippi Palisades State Park for unlawful possession of deer and no hunting license. He was issued warnings for no habitat stamp, permits not in possession, no orange, and want and waste.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri continued an investigation of deer hunting violations at Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area. A Kewanee man was cited for driving his truck into the hunting area to relocate a tree stand.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited a Scales Mound man for hunting from the road. He was also issued warnings for no blaze orange and failure to tag immediately upon kill.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

As CPO Beltran approached a fisherman, he noticed him reel in his pole and throw it to the side. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and he was found to be in violation of a two-pole limit. Enforcement action was taken.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**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 Filipiak was on patrol in the newly acquired property at Matthiessen State Park, and he observed four individuals walking towards the Wildcat Rapids area. The individuals had walked past multiple “Do Not Enter, No Trespassing” signs. All four were redirected out of the restricted area and issued citations for entering a restricted area. Civil violations were issued for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn received a case disposition on a man who was deer hunting by use or aid of bait and unlawfully attempting to take deer. The individual was found guilty on two counts, given one year of supervision, and fined \$1,500.

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

CPO Thompson investigated a fatal hunting accident. In a separate incident, CPO Thompson issued two written warnings for unlawful use of an ATV.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited two hunters at Spoon River State Forest for unlawful possession of two untagged deer. Written warnings were also issued for blaze orange violations and operation of a motor vehicle in a prohibited area.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a Chillicothe man for criminal trespass to private property after receiving a complaint from a landowner who had trail camera pictures of the man tracking a deer on his property without permission. The landowner's property was posted with no trespassing signs, and the trespassing hunter had been given prior notice by the landowner to stay off the property.

CPO Gerard cited a deer hunter for hunting without permission of the landowner.

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

No activity reported for this county.

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 continues to investigate timber cases involving individuals cutting trees without permission and failing to pay the landowner.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Fraser responded to a motorist assist call that was dispatched as a possible medical emergency. When he arrived on scene, he located an elderly gentleman who was confused; and his car was out of gas. The man stated he was trying to get to Maine to visit his mother. He could not remember his address or any phone numbers or names for friends or family. CPO Fraser transported the man to a nearby gas station and requested medical assistance due to minor weather exposure and mental issues. The man's driver's license was found, and a request was made for local police to check his residence and neighborhood for family or acquaintances. Local police were able to locate the man's daughter. She requested that he be transported to a geriatric psych unit due to ongoing mental issues. She also requested that his car be towed.

While patrolling on Route 29, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle quickly gaining on him. He utilized radar to confirm the vehicle's speed was 79 mph in a posted 55-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was cited for speeding. A passenger in the vehicle was arrested on a \$100,000 bond warrant.

CPO Fraser assisted the Illinois State Police and local police with several calls, including a vehicle rollover crash, a suicidal subject, traffic stops, and fleeing subjects.

CPO Fraser completed nighttime decoy details.

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

A trapper was fined \$576 for using an unmarked 330 conibear trap on land while attempting to trap woodchucks. The trapper did not have a trapping license or nuisance removal permit.

A Georgia archery deer hunter was fined \$120 for placing trophy rocks by her deer stand which was located on private land that her family leased.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias spoke with a hunter who was suspected of shooting a deer without purchasing a deer permit during the second firearm season. He met the hunter at his home, and the hunter told him he did hunt that weekend but did not recall if he had a permit with him. The hunter was asked to show every document he had purchased for the hunt, and he was also asked to see the deer. The hunter was only able to produce a hunting license. The ten-point buck head with no tags on the antlers was in a freezer. The hunter later admitted to not buying a deer permit during the hunt because he had forgotten to do so. A citation was issued.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Sergeant Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Bergland and Honiotes responded to a death investigation at the I&M Canal. The Illinois State Police Crime Scene investigators and the Morris Police Department are assisting in the ongoing investigation.

CPO Honiotes and Sgt. Wollgast conducted a snowmobile detail on the I&M Canal trail to look for snowmobiles illegally using the trail. The snowmobile trail remained closed because an adequate amount of snow had not fallen to properly protect the trail. Although the trail had been heavily used prior to the detail, no violators were found.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber discovered two Indiana men with uncased firearms in their motor vehicles, and citations were issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid was travelling on I-55 when the driver of a vehicle committed a lane use violation, nearly striking his squad. A traffic stop was initiated, and it was discovered that the driver had an active no bond arrest warrant for a parole

violation. The driver was arrested and taken to the Will County Jail. Additional enforcement action was taken for the traffic violation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Honiotes and Sgt. Wollgast conducted a snowmobile detail on the Will County portion of the I&M Canal trail to look for snowmobiles illegally using the trail. The snowmobile trail remained closed because an adequate amount of snow had not fallen to properly protect the trail. Although the trail had been heavily used prior to the detail, no violators were found.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted a commercial inspection on a wholesale aquatic life dealer. No violations were observed.

CPO Mooi assisted the Illinois State Police with a rolling domestic on I-94. He helped to separate the subjects and called for medical personnel. He also assisted in arresting the offender.

While patrolling Douglas Tomb, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle make an illegal turn and enter a parking lot. Contact with the driver was made, and the driver was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

While on patrol, CPO Mooi was contacted by a site technician at William W. Powers State Recreation Area regarding a vehicle with no occupants. The site was closing, and the site technician could not locate the people. CPO Mooi walked into the Wolf Lake overlook, and he observed four people walking and smoking. When he spoke with the individuals, he could smell the distinct odor of burnt cannabis. After a short conversation, the individuals admitted to smoking earlier. The individuals agreed to be searched and allowed a search of their vehicle. No contraband was found. The individuals were issued written warnings for remaining in the site after closing.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago Lakefront when he observed a vehicle ahead of him leaving Montrose Harbor. The vehicle had a child standing in between the two front seats. CPO Mooi conducted a vehicle stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, he observed the standing child and a female passenger in the backseat with an infant in her arms. A record check of the driver indicated he had a suspended license. The driver was issued a citation for a suspended license, along with a citation and a warning for the child restraint violation. The woman was a valid driver and could take control of the vehicle. CPO Mooi ordered the man to place the infant securely in the car seat before leaving; however, the man did not know how to use the seat. CPO Mooi explained the use of the seat and belts and made sure the child was secured in the seat before sending the couple on their way.

CPO Mooi stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage. Before the vehicle stopped, the passenger tossed something out the window. It was discovered that the passenger was attempting to toss out cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The driver was issued a written warning for the improper lane usage violation, and the passenger was issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis under 10 grams.

While on patrol, CPO Stanbary observed a driver using Face Time on her phone while driving in traffic. This caused the driver to be driving in a very unsafe manner. He conducted a vehicle stop; and while speaking to the driver, he smelled burnt cannabis inside the vehicle. The driver was issued a civil cannabis citation, and two written warnings were issued for traffic violations. The cannabis was confiscated.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted sport fish enforcement along the Des Plaines River. They spotted a few people fishing and standing around a fire. As CPO Thornley checked a fisherman, he noticed beer in the bed of the truck. The fisherman, who was 19, stated the beer was his. CPO Stanbary noticed a single beer can in the fire. After speaking with the group, one of the young men admitted to drinking a beer and throwing it in the fire as the CPOs approached. The teens' parents were contacted, and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Thornley followed up on an investigation where subject ran from him on a traffic stop.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement along Lake Michigan and conducted a fishing compliance check of a fisherman at DuSable Harbor. The fisherman did not have his fishing license in possession and was issued a written warning for the violation. He then traveled to William W. Powers State Recreation Area and checked a fisherman along the south channel who had an Indiana license. The young man was advised where the state line was located, and he was issued a written warning for no fishing license. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley issued a civil citation to an individual who was smoking cannabis.

CPO Thornley conducted a compliance check of two waterfowl hunters at Wolf Lake. A check of their licenses determined one of the hunters did not sign his federal waterfowl stamp as required. A written warning was issued for the violation.

While checking perch fishermen, CPO Thornley observed a large group between some old building walls. He checked to see what they were doing and determined they were painting on the wall. He contacted the site's security, and it was handled per property protocol.

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

CPO Reeves attended in-service training in East Peoria.

DEWITT COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Viverito noticed odd behavior from the vehicle in front of him; and he conducted a traffic stop. This resulted in the arrest of a man for driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was over twice the legal limit.

Sgt. Williamson attended in-service training in East Peoria.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Viverito investigated a road hunting complaint. After speaking with witnesses, he went to the suspect's residence. He interviewed the suspect which led to citations which included violations of shooting from the roadway, chasing/running over coyotes with an ATV (hunt by use or aid of vehicle), uncased firearm, and hunting too close to an inhabited dwelling.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright attended in-service training in East Peoria.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden attended in-service training in East Peoria.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted the Illinois State Police with a traffic stop resulting in a DUI. He stayed at the scene until the tow truck removed the vehicle. In a separate incident, CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County deputy with a warrant arrest. Multiple subjects were involved with the incident. He transported the wanted subject to the Clark County Jail.

CPO Wellum assisted two Clark County deputies with a suicidal subject who was reported to have a firearm. Upon arrival, the subject allowed law enforcement personnel to enter the residence. The subject did have firearms, but none were being actively used towards himself or others. The subject surrendered possession of the firearms and agreed to medical intervention.

While on patrol, CPO Wellum stopped a timber truck and performed a timber inspection. The driver was issued a written warning for incomplete transportation paperwork.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure attended in-service training in East Peoria.

CPO Mieure responded to a complaint in Mattoon regarding a man leaving a deer hanging in his tree for nearly a month. He met with the subject; and after speaking with him, one written warning was issued for wanton waste. The subject agreed to remove the remainder of the deer and dispose of it.

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the motoring public on I-57 during a snowstorm. He checked stranded, occupied vehicles and assisted with traffic control while eight vehicles were removed from the ditch by tow services.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds arrested a Casey man for criminal trespass, unlawful take of white-tailed deer, no valid hunting license, no valid deer permit, and unlawful use of another hunter's deer permit. Multiple written warnings were also issued. The man was confined awaiting bond at the Clark County Jail.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Villa Grove man for operating a motor bike on the walking trails at Walnut Point State Park. The man also received multiple other written warnings.

CPO Barnes investigated a complaint of littering and reckless driving at Walnut Point State Park which resulted in a Villa Grove subject being issued several warnings and a citation for violating Park rules.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes received a hunting without permission complaint where two subjects were caught on a trail camera, and he was able to track down the suspects. At the request of the landowner, each subject was issued a written warning.

CPO Greuel attended in-service training in East Peoria.

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

CPO Sievers attended the Let's Go Fishing event at the Collinsville Gateway Center.

CPO Sievers received a complaint about a poached deer at the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site. The deer carcass was not located.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner conducted three taxidermy inspections. Two taxidermists had excellent records with only minor violations which were addressed with warnings. A third taxidermist was cited for untagged/no records on a bobcat. Multiple warnings were issued for a variety of other records violations.

CPO Sievers responded to Frank Holten State Recreation Area to assist the site superintendent with the eviction of a lessee.

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 Folden investigated a complaint of harassment involving an IDNR employee. The employee was being harassed at home and work from an unknown source. He identified a possible suspect, conducted an interview, and obtained a confession. A report was submitted to the Randolph County State's Attorney's Office, and appropriate action is being taken.

CPO Williams conducted an administratively assigned investigation regarding the harvest report of a Franklin County hunter. Records indicated that the hunter purchased their permit after the harvest of a deer, and the hunter was cited for the violation.

CPO Williams conducted a second administrative investigation regarding a harvest report of a deer. During the investigation, it was learned that the permit was bought for another hunter (an elder sibling) so they could tag their deer and not use their permit. Each hunter was issued a notice to appear for the unlawful transfer of a permit.

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 arrested three men for deer hunting violations. The charges were unlawful take of three white-tailed deer, hunting deer without permits, hunting deer without licenses, and hunting deer without habitat stamps.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty received a complaint of an albino white-tailed deer being unlawfully harvested during the 2018 hunting season, and an investigation is being conducted.

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

While conducting waterfowl enforcement at Carlyle Wildlife Management Area, CPO Roper observed five individuals returning to their vehicles. A hunter compliance check was conducted, and he discovered the individuals had failed to separate the harvested birds. All five subjects were issued written warnings for failure to maintain separate bags.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor issued a citation and two written warnings to a deer hunter for hunting without a deer permit.

MARION COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed four subjects who were deer hunting during the late winter firearm season; and he conducted a hunter compliance check. It was discovered that one individual did not have their hunting license in their possession but did have one. That individual was issued a written warning for not having the hunting license in immediate possession. Another individual in the hunting party was discovered to be in possession of a firearm while their FOID card status was revoked. That individual was prohibited from possessing a firearm and was placed under arrest. The individual was transferred to the Marion County Jail for possession of a firearm while FOID status revoked.

CPO Roper observed three individuals upland bird hunting, and he conducted a hunter compliance check. It was discovered that the hunters had failed to keep their harvested birds separated. All three individuals were issued a written warning for failure to maintain separate bags.

While on patrol at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area, CPO Smith observed two full dumpsters near the campground. He dug through the trash and found two names and an address on some of the material. He went to the residence and spoke with the two people that were listed on the trash. The man said he dumped a bag of trash and a deep fryer in the dumpster. CPO Smith explained that this was theft of services, and he was advised that he would be receiving a park citation for the offense.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe received a complaint of coyote hunters running dogs on private property without permission. The group of hunters had been trespassing on the same landowner regularly for over a month and refused requests to stop. When he spoke with the group, one hunter said he could run his dogs on anyone's property he wanted to and there was nothing they could do about it. The hunters were educated on the laws pertaining to hunting dogs, and citations were issued for hunting without permission of landowner.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek responded to a report of calls for help emanating from the Mississippi River, south of Thebes, Illinois. He was able to make voice contact with the subject calling for help from the flooded River. The closest watercraft support was in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Cape Girardeau Fire and Rescue personnel responded via boat. CPO Vasicek boarded their boat in Thebes, and they proceeded to travel several miles south to the area of concern. CPO Vasicek and Cape Girardeau personnel located the subject who was stranded on an island. The man had been ejected from his boat approximately five hours earlier and was able to float/swim into a log jam at the front of the island, then crawl to dry land. The subject was removed and transported to Thebes where an EMT team was waiting. The man made a full recovery.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers investigated two timber buyers. One buyer was found to have failed to pay his 4% fees when required.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek charged a Union County subject with taking over the limit of antlered white-tailed deer (three bucks).

Giant City State Park staff requested CPO Lewis' assistance with an abandoned vehicle in the Park. The vehicle was left unattended in a field, and it was stuck in the mud. Extensive damage to flora and the field made it apparent that the driver of the vehicle had been "mudding" before becoming stuck. A Giant City site technician advised CPO Lewis that as he was securing the gate to block access to the field, the driver of the car in question pulled up, identified himself, and confessed to causing the damage. He said that the car belonged to his mom. The site technician told the driver he could not retrieve the vehicle until he cleared it with the superintendent. The site technician then posted signs on the gate and the windshield of the car as a reminder. CPO Lewis' investigation revealed that the driver was driving with revoked driving privileges. Additionally, he had been convicted for driving while revoked three times. Further investigation revealed that the subject had two convictions for driving off the roadway in the Park. Both incidents ended with him getting stuck while mudding in the same field. Despite warnings not to retrieve the car, the subject returned the next evening with a friend and tried to get the car unstuck. This action caused additional damage to the field. The car they were using to free the stuck vehicle became stuck as well. The Union County Sheriff's Department responded to the field and arrested the subject. Damage to the field was estimated to be \$2,000. The Union County Sheriff charged the driver with driving while revoked, criminal damage to property, and criminal trespass. CPO Lewis added a felony driving while revoked charge for driving the day he spoke with the site technician, and the criminal damage to property charge was raised to a felony. CPO Lewis also issued the driver multiple citations for being in the Park after hours, driving off the roadway, harassing wildlife, and destruction of flora.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.