



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 July 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 Hoftender and CPOT Wahlbrink cited a Chicago man for fishing without a license.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Wahlbrink cited two Stockton men for not having a life jacket in their kayak.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Wahlbrink arrested a Maquoketa man on the Mississippi River for OUI (BAC was .117%).

CPO Teas cited a subject on the Mississippi River for no PFDs in the boat.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Beltran and CPOT Devin Miller arrested a man from Dixon for OUI and boating violations.

CPOs Teas and Palumbo patrolled the Rock River.

CPO Teas responded to a pollution complaint. Carnival workers and vendors were draining waste water into the Rock River. Two citations were issued, and the waste water was properly hauled off.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran and CPOT Devin Miller arrested a man for OUI and boating violations.

CPO Beltran stopped a vehicle because the driver was driving without headlights, and it was discovered that the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPOs Palumbo and Teas conducted multiple boat patrols on the Rock River and provided security for fireworks displays. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued for boating violations.

CPO Teas and CPOT Skelton responded to a boat accident on the Rock River. When the boat was started at the ramp, an explosion happened near the motor which caused the entire boat to catch fire. The boat was pushed away from the dock, and the fire was extinguished by the fire department. No one was injured, and the boat was recovered from the water.

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt cited a McHenry County man for the unlawful take of wild turkey during the spring season.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a case involving two Chicago men who were unlawfully deer hunting. Both men were convicted, and forfeiture court orders were issued for two seized shotguns and ammunition.

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking fishermen along the Hennepin Canal, CPO Wagner and CPOT McCarter cited three individuals for fishing without a sport fishing license. In a separate incidence, they cited three individuals for snagging.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While patrolling Starved Rock State Park campground, CPO Wagner cited an individual for having alcohol in a restricted area.

While checking fishermen at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited an individual for fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Wagner and CPOT McCarter responded to a report of a person who fell at Matthiessen State Park.

CPO Wagner and CPOT McCarter issued two citations for fishing without permission to individuals at the Peru Sportsman's Club.

CPO Wagner and CPOT McCarter conducted a traffic stop, and the driver was found to have a suspended license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Kaufman and CPOT Elliot conducted a boat patrol on the Illinois River. They handled a minor boat accident (damage under \$2,000); and they issued one citation for a child under the age of 13 not wearing a PFD.

CPO Jansen and CPOT Hyatt patrolled LaSalle Lake and discovered an individual who had illegally parked in the handicap area. Other subjects in the group were fishing without a license and were in possession of alcohol. The subject who had parked illegally was also in possession of a short smallmouth bass. Three citations and three written warnings were issued.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPOT Wolf and CPO Finn patrolled the Illinois River. Several boats were checked, and two citations for life jacket violations were issued. Several written warnings were also issued for other boat safety violations.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Murry issued citations to two watercraft operators for PFD violations. One individual was cited for a passenger location violation.

While conducting boat inspections, CPO Alt and CPOT Olroyd issued over 34 written warnings.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPOT Gerdes and CPO Thompson patrolled Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area and conducted sport fishing compliance and boat safety checks. A total of ten vessels were checked. They issued three citations for no fishing license and a civil cannabis possession. Three written warnings were issued for other violations.

CPOT Gerdes and CPO Thompson spoke to a local cub scout group at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area. The scouts enjoyed identifying wildlife and learning about the duties of a CPO.

CPOs Thompson, Elliott, and Lazzell, along with CPOTs Kusta and Gerdes and Sgt. Avery, responded to a shots fired, officer down call. It was reported that a deputy responded to a domestic disturbance call and had been shot by someone at a residence. The deputy was rescued a short time later; however, he succumbed to his injuries. A male subject barricaded himself inside the residence for approximately 18 hours before being taken into custody without incident.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOT Gerdes and CPO Thompson, conducted a boat patrol on Lake Bracken. During the patrol, they observed a child under 13 not wearing a PFD; and the operator walked away from the boat controls while the boat was in motion, leaving no one at the helm. The boat was stopped for an inspection and to address the issues. It was discovered that the operator was under the influence of alcohol, and there were no PFDs on board for the occupants of the boat. Standardized field sobriety testing was conducted, and the operator was arrested for OUI. Four citations were issued. CPO Elliott and CPOT Kusta assisted with the arrest.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs Gerard and Lazzell cited two individuals for fishing without permission of the landowner.

CPOT Wolf and CPO Gerard cited an individual for operation of an ATV on property without consent.

CPO Lazzell cited a Chillicothe man for fishing 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

CPOs Blazinic and Wheatley conducted a boat patrol on the Mississippi River, Pool 22. Seven written warnings were issued, and a subject was taken into custody for an Adams County failure to appear warrant for a DUI charge.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was the guest speaker for the summer reading program at the Brown County Library.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Spinka and CPO Goetten, along with a Missouri Conservation agent, conducted a joint investigation into a Missouri resident who was falsifying residency in Illinois to obtain resident wildlife hunting privileges. A total of four deer and 13 turkeys were unlawfully taken by the subject. Enforcement action is pending.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPOs Blazinic and Wheatley, along with CPOT Buchanan, conducted a boat patrol on the Mississippi River, Pool 24. One written warning was issued.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Captain Laura Petreikis
(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass investigated a report of a hit and run boat accident, and he was able to obtain video of the incident. The boat hit two other boats before fleeing the scene. He spoke with the boat operator and a passenger who stated they did not believe they hit the boat. The subjects were informed that there was video evidence, and the operator was issued a citation for failure to report a boat accident.

While on patrol on Lake Springfield, CPO Snodgrass observed a vessel with children on board who appeared to be under the age of 13 and not wearing life jackets. The vessel was stopped, and a safety inspection was conducted. The operator was issued a citation for the PFD violation. Four written warnings were issued to other boaters for minor boat safety violations.

CPO Macias was patrolling Lake Springfield when he came across a pontoon boat with 26 people on board. After conducting a boat compliance check, it was discovered the owner did not have enough life jackets for everyone on board (including several children). The boat's registration was expired, and the boat was overloaded. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Davis arrested a subject on a warrant at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park after he was stopped for speeding and expired registration. He was also cited for driving while license suspended and no proof of insurance. The vehicle was towed, and he was transported to Lake County Jail.

CPO Davis, Sgt Schreiber, and Intern Gott arrested a subject on Grass Lake for OUI. The subject was observed violating the no wake area and switching operators. He refused chemical testing.

CPO Reid and CPOT Doescher stopped a boat on Lake Marie for an unlawful passenger location violation. Officers immediately noticed indicators of impairment for the operator, and field sobriety testing was conducted. The operator was subsequently arrested for OUI and unlawful passenger location.

While on patrol at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Reid and CPOT Doescher made a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. It was discovered that the driver had a suspended driver's license and was unlawfully in possession of cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. In a separate incidence, CPO Reid and CPOT Doescher made a traffic stop on a vehicle for operating with suspended registration. It was determined that the driver also had a suspended driver's license and did not have insurance on the vehicle. The driver was arrested for driving while license suspended, no insurance, and suspended registration.

MCHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Sgt. Wollgast and CPO Bergland investigated a group of campers at Gebhard Woods State Park who left without paying. The individuals were located, and the money owed was collected.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber and CPOT Wilkinson responded to a complaint of a deceased bald eagle. No foul play was suspected, and the eagle is being held for the USFW agent.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes responded to a call of a deceased man on the I&M Canal. A pedestrian found the man lying on the trail. The Illinois State Police investigation unit and officers from the Rockdale Police Department also responded. It was determined that the incident was a homicide.

CPOs Bergland and Anderson, along with Sgt. Wollgast, conducted several boat patrols on the Kankakee River. The patrols concentrated on illegal activities such as underage drinking, drug use, and OUI. Several citations were issued for allowing operators to operate jet skis without having taken a boating safety course.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Klemme attended the MSU Change of Command Ceremony at the Union League of Chicago.

CPOs from District 4 continued the search for three missing boaters involved in a fatal boat accident on the Sanitary and Ship Canal in Chicago. CPO Sanford conducted sonar operations in the effort to locate the missing boaters.

CPO Sanford attended a Cook County Grand Jury Hearing regarding felony aggravated battery and resisting/obstruction charges.

While conducting a recreational boat patrol on Lake Michigan, CPO Sanford and CPOT Wilkinson observed a vessel underway with a passenger location violation. The vessel was stopped, and a safety inspection was conducted. It was determined that the operator was displaying signs of impairment from alcohol. Standard field sobriety tests were conducted; and the operator submitted a breath alcohol sample of .122%. The operator was issued citations for unlawful operation of watercraft with BAC over .08% and unlawful passenger location.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford and CPOT Wilkinson observed an individual fishing from the break wall of Lake Michigan. A sport fishing compliance check was conducted, and it was determined that the individual did not have a valid sport fishing license. A citation was issued for the violation.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement along Lake Michigan, CPO Ausmus cited a Chicago man for failure to immediately release a short bass. Another subject was issued a written warning for failure tag/unattended sport fishing devices.

CPO Ausmus checked several recreational boats on the Cal-Sag Channel. A Tinley Park man was issued a written warning for failure to have a Type IV throwable device.

While conducting fishing enforcement at Diversey Harbor, CPO Ausmus witnessed a bottle rocket explode overhead. He located five teenagers at the Lincoln Park Lagoon who were fishing and igniting fireworks. Each was issued a written warning for unlawful possession of fireworks, and they were educated about making better choices. One subject was issued a written warning for fishing without a license. The fireworks were seized and destroyed.

CPO Ausmus completed two random commercial inspections of fur bearing mammal breeders. One permit holder was found to have moved out of state with her pet groundhog. The other was never in possession of any fur bearing mammals but had purchased the permit in case she needed to transport injured animals. No violations were found.

CPOs Ausmus, Reid, and Stanbary, along with CPOT Doescher, assisted Animal Control and the Chicago City Park District in the attempt to locate and capture an alligator in Humboldt Park Lagoon.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Prasun investigated a wildlife complaint involving a homeowner who was reportedly poisoning wildlife with antifreeze laced food to fix a nuisance animal problem. The homeowner acknowledged that he had put the poison out and was unaware that it was illegal. He did not know if any animals had been harmed from his actions. Neighbors had reported seeing dead animals in the area. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and he was educated on the proper methods to mitigate nuisance animal trouble.

While conducting boat enforcement, CPO Stanbary completed 11 boat safety inspections. He issued three written warnings to boaters for equipment and registration violations. He investigated a boating accident that caused damage to a moored vessel in Diversey Harbor, and the boat operator was issued a citation for careless operation of a watercraft. In addition, the operator was cited for a registration violation.

CPO Stanbary conducted a vehicle stop after he observed a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. The driver was issued a citation for driving at a high rate of speed and passing on the shoulder.

CPO Stanbary is investigating a report of barn swallows and their nests being destroyed at a Chicago Water Treatment Facility. A complaint was received that an employee knocked down several nests and killed the young birds that occupied them. Barn swallows are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

CPO Alt assisted with the testing process for CPO applicants.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

While patrolling Clinton Lake State Recreation Area, CPOT Anderson and CPO Viverito observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted, and that led to the arrest of the driver for driving while suspended along with other Illinois Vehicle Code violations. The passenger of the vehicle was cited for littering.

While patrolling Clinton Lake by boat, CPOT Anderson and CPO Viverito observed a motorboat operating very close to the bank at a high rate of speed. A vessel inspection was conducted, and that led to the arrest of the operator for OUI. Two of the passengers were also arrested for criminal and alcohol related offenses.

While checking fishermen at the Clinton Lake Spillway, CPO Reeves and CPOT Anderson discovered a short walleye on a stringer near where a group of men had been fishing. After each man denied having caught the fish, the person who caught and kept the fish was identified. A citation was issued to that man for failure to immediately release the short fish.

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

CPO Alt served as an instructor at the IDNR Academy for a portion of the Illinois Boat Registration Title and Safety Act.

CPOT McKune and CPO Wright arrested a Decatur man for DUI. During the arrest, it was found that the man was suspended because a previous DUI; and this was his fourth time being arrested for DUI.

While patrolling Lake Decatur, CPOT McKune and CPO Wright stopped two men on jet skis for no wake violations. During the stop, it was discovered that both men had cannabis on board with them.

CPOT Spinka and CPO Wright investigated damage that was done to a pavilion at Spitler Woods State Natural Area. A suspect was identified and interviewed. The suspect admitted to accidentally driving a truck into the pavilion. All others interviewed also said it was an accident. A report was completed and forwarded to the State's Attorney.

While checking fishermen at Lake Decatur, CPOT Spinka and CPO Wright observed two fishermen in a restricted area of the dam. One of the fishermen was found to have an active Macon County warrant, and he was placed under arrest and taken to the Macon County Jail.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Wahlbrink conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Decatur after running the license plate number and learning that the plates were suspended for a mandatory insurance violation. It was also learned that the driver had a suspended driver's license. Citations were issued to the man, and his vehicle was towed.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden has been assigned to the IDNR Academy.

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

No activity reported for this county.

COLES COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on Lake Mattoon, CPO Mieure issued a Peoria man one citation for not enough life jackets on board his boat. Two written warnings were issued for an expired decal and an overloaded boat. In a separate incidence, CPO Mieure issued a Neoga man three written warnings for no Type IV throwable, improper registration, and violation of a no wake zone.

CPO Mieure conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle with no visible license plate. The Charleston man was issued two written warnings for expired registration and no motorcycle endorsement on his driver's license.

CPO Barnes cited a Greenup subject at Lake Paradise for fishing without a fishing license.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Danville subject at Twin Lakes for fishing without a fishing license.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel responded to a boat accident on Lake Shelbyville. A small fishing boat containing a family from St. Charles was swamped and sank. All the individuals were wearing their life jackets and were picked up by passing boaters.

While on patrol on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Moody wrote various warnings and one citation for boating related violations.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with several tubers and kayakers that were creating problems on the Kaskaskia River. While at the River, he cited a Charleston woman for pollution of a waterway by sinking glass bottles into the River.

CPO Barnes cited a Nokomis subject on Lake Shelbyville for a PFD violation.

CPO Barnes cited a Pana subject at Pana Lake for fishing without a fishing license.

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 Ray completed a boat accident report at Carlyle Lake after two family members collided with each other on their jet skis. Written warnings were issued for careless operation.

While on patrol at Carlyle Lake, CPO Lentz cited a subject for not enough life jackets on the boat. In separate incidences at Carlyle Lake, CPO Lentz cited an operator for careless operation of a motorboat and cited another individual for illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. A third subject was cited for not having a safety certificate and operating a boat at Carlyle Lake.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject at Horseshoe Lake State Park for no proof of insurance and speeding.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

While on patrol at Coffeen Lake, CPO Lentz cited a subject for not having navigation lights on after sunset, and three subjects were cited for not having a fishing license. In a separate incidence, a subject at Coffeen Lake was cited for having a fraudulent fishing license. Also, one subject was issued a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Lentz cited two subjects at Coffeen Lake for not having the proper number of life jackets on the boat. Another subject was cited for operating a motorboat with more than a 25 HP motor.

While on patrol at Lake Lou Yaeger, CPO Lentz cited a subject for illegal possession of short largemouth bass; and he cited a subject for not having an anchor light on after sunset. One subject was issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. Two other subjects were cited for not having a fishing license.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Jourdan dealt with numerous violations. They included operation of ATVs on state lands, speeding in a state park, careless operation of a watercraft, boat creating a wake in a no wake zone, and failure to have navigation lights on the boat. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Skelton and CPO Folden participated in Operation Dry Water on Rend Lake. Multiple boaters were checked which resulted in two citations and five written warnings for minor boating violations.

CPOT Skelton and CPO Folden responded to a stranded boater on Rend Lake. The boater called 911 to report boat issues and a possible altercation with another boater. Upon arrival at the scene, the stranded boater did not have control of the vessel but was under the influence of alcohol. The subject was reluctant to receive any assistance from the CPOs at first, then became cordial. No enforcement action was necessary, and the situation was resolved.

During the Rend Lake fireworks display, CPOT Peecher and CPO Williams encountered an inflatable, two-man boat with two people on board. They had rowed the inflatable boat from the South Marcum Campground out onto the main body of the Lake without any life jackets on board. The two occupants and their inflatable boat were brought on board the patrol boat and transported back to shore. A citation was issued to the operator for no life jackets.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOT Skelton and CPO Folden received a criminal trespass complaint regarding horseback riders riding on property without consent. Appropriate enforcement action is pending.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITE COUNTY

CPOs Haggerty and Williams assisted the Hardin County Sheriff's Department in the search for a missing person on the Ohio River.

CPOT Skelton and CPO Folden are investigating illegal commercial fishing activities on the waters within White and Gallatin counties.

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

CPO Roper and CPOT Willand conducted a boat patrol at Lake Sara, and they saw a vessel with expired registration stickers. The vessel was stopped, and a safety inspection was done. It was determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety testing was done, and the operator was cited for OUI. A warning was issued for the expired registration stickers.

CPO Jourdan completed the 40-hour class to become a certified Field Training Officer.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on Vandalia Lake, CPO Roper and CPOT Willand observed a pontoon boat with several small children on board. The boat was stopped, and a safety inspection was conducted. It was discovered that there were no life jackets of the appropriate size for the small children on board. The vessel was also short on the number of life jackets for the adult passengers. They followed the vessel back to the dock, and the operator was issued a citation for having children under the age of 13 aboard without the proper life jackets being worn. A written warning was also issued for not having the appropriate number of adult life jackets on board.

CPO Roper and CPOT Willand participated in Operation Dry Water and conducted 26 boat stops. Two vessels had non-serviceable fire extinguishers, two vessels over 16 feet in length had no Type IV throwable floatation device, and one vessel was operated by a youth operator without a Boater's Safety Card.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor and CPOT Hyatt conducted a timber truck inspection, and it was discovered that the driver did not have proof of ownership papers for the logs. The driver was issued a citation.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

While on patrol at Red Hills State Park, CPO Taylor observed a subject fishing from the dock, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. The subject stated that he left his fishing license in his girlfriend's car. A record check showed that the subject had not purchased a fishing license for the past three years, and a citation was issued for no fishing license.

While conducting a boat patrol on the Wabash River, CPO Taylor observed a boat with three small children on board; and they were not wearing life jackets. The boat was stopped, and a safety inspection was conducted. There were two child size life jackets on the floor of the boat, and two of the children put on the life jackets. The operator stated that he did not have a third child size life jacket. A small adult size life jacket was put on the third child. The operator stated he would get off the River and get another child size life jacket. A citation was issued for children under 13 not wearing a life jacket while on the boat.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPOT McKune arrested two subjects on Centralia Lake for OUI during Operation Dry Water. The subjects were found to have a BAC of .133% and .139%.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPOT McKune cited a subject at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area for operating a motor vehicle with no valid insurance.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers arrested a subject for DUI. The subject completed chemical testing and was found to have a BAC of 0.156%.

CPOs Lewis and Somers were patrolling Kinkaid Lake when they received a call about a truck submerged in the water at the Mt. Joy boat launch. Their investigation revealed that the driver was backing up a boat trailer at the boat ramp, so her husband could load their boat. Both the driver of the truck and the boat operator showed signs of impairment, and they both failed field sobriety testing. The driver of the truck was arrested for DUI and submitted a breath test showing a BAC of .159%. The operator of the boat was arrested for OUI and submitted a breath test showing a BAC of .165%. The fully immersed truck was removed by Kinkaid Marina personnel.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson arrested a female subject for OUI (BAC was .111%).

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited a boat operator at Pyramid State Recreation Area for making a wake on Mallard Lake. The operator was running on plane with 10 HP motor.

CPO Vasicek received a disposition in a case involving a felon that he arrested for spotlighting deer with loaded firearms in possession. The subject was charged with multiple wildlife code violations, as well as a felon in possession of a firearm and being an armed, habitual criminal (Class X Felony). The subject was convicted of being a felon in possession of firearms and wildlife violations and was sentenced to four years in prison. An \$8,000 fine was assessed, including a \$2,700 donation to Conservation Police Operations. The firearm was also forfeited.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson observed a driver not properly wearing their seatbelt, and a vehicle stop was conducted. The driver was found to be driving on a suspended license, and she was not able to provide proof of insurance. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.