



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 June 16 – 30, 2018)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

A disposition was received in a June 2016 fatal boating accident involving an Oregon man. The man was sentenced to 30 months of probation.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

A fatal boat accident occurred on the Rock River at the Steel Dam. An adult female and three children were in a canoe watching a waterski show above the Dam. The fast-moving current caught their canoe and carried them toward the Dam. The canoe and its occupants were swept over the Steel Dam and into the backwash. Two of the subjects were ejected from the Dam. The adult female and one juvenile became trapped in the backwash. While trapped in the backwash, the juvenile went missing. Due to the rescue efforts of several agencies, the adult female subject was rescued. Searches were conducted for the missing juvenile every day until she was recovered. The accident remains under investigation. The agencies and people involved in the rescue and recovery efforts include: Blackhawk Fire

Department, Moline Fire Department, Rock Island Fire Department, Milan Police Department, Rock Island County Sheriff's Department, Backwater Gamblers, Christian Aid Ministries Search and Rescue, Big River Rescue and Recovery, Ted's Boatarama, and Illinois Conservation Police.

CPO Francisko issued 30 written warnings and seven citations for boating, commercial fishing, and sport fishing violations.

While on patrol on the Mississippi River, CPO Posateri and Sgt. Petreikis observed a large pontoon boat pulling a tube with two small children and an adult female on it. There was no orange flag raised from the boat, and there was no competent observer, in addition to the operator, onboard. The man was cited for the violation.

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

CPOs Murry and Wagner are investigating a possible sexual assault that occurred at Illini State Park.

CPO Murry conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle; and after a brief investigation, he located approximately 30 grams of cannabis inside the vehicle. The driver was cited for possession of more than 10 grams, but less than 30 grams, of cannabis; and a passenger was cited for civil cannabis violation.

CPO Teas observed a passenger in the vehicle in front of him throw a bottle out the window. The vehicle was stopped, and the subject was cited for the offense.

While on patrol, CPO Filipiak identified multiple violations for possession of cannabis and paraphernalia, entry to restricted areas, and possession of alcohol in restricted areas. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn was selected to teach at the upcoming academy class, and he has been preparing classroom lectures and scenarios, as well as classes for operating under the influence, driving under the influence, and commercial fishing and enforcement methods.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser observed a vehicle occupied by several juveniles speeding at Rock Cut State Park, and a traffic stop was conducted. He detected the odor of cannabis as he approached the vehicle and asked if the occupants had any cannabis in their possession. All occupants stated there was no cannabis in the vehicle, but they had smoked earlier in the day. The group was advised that he would be conducting a probable cause search of the vehicle based upon the odor of cannabis, and the front seat passenger stated he did have cannabis and paraphernalia. The subject produced 24 grams of cannabis and an item of paraphernalia. The driver was cited for multiple vehicle code violations, and the passenger was cited for misdemeanor possession of cannabis and paraphernalia.

CPO Fraser responded to a motor vehicle burglary complaint in Rock Cut State Park. The scene was processed by Winnebago County Crime Scene technicians.

CPOs Jansen and Alt investigated a personal injury boat accident where a pontoon took on water and partially sank in the Rock River near the Village of Rockton. The operator was issued citations and written warnings for insufficient wearable PFDs, no type IV throwable PFD, no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, and no valid registration.

CPO Alt inspected boats and fishermen on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. Violations documented included: unlawful operation of a motorboat without a fire extinguisher, unlawful operation of a motorboat without a sounding device, unlawful operation of a watercraft without a certificate of number in possession, and unlawful operation of a motorboat without lanyard when equipped for such use.

CPO Alt completed a follow-up investigation for unlawful taking of common snapping turtles during the closed season and unlawful taking of common snapping turtles by use of a rifle. A Rockton man and his teenage son were both charged and assessed a mandatory court appearance.

CPO Alt responded to a complaint of two individuals riding on the roof and hood of a moving motor vehicle while traveling through Rock Cut State Park. He located the suspect vehicle in the Park and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was charged with child endangerment and speeding. All five occupants, including the driver, were charged with failure to wear a seatbelt. The driver has a mandatory court date.

CPO Alt testified in court regarding a charge issued to a Winnebago County man for unlawful taking of furbearing mammal (raccoon) during the closed season by pit bulls. The judge ruled the defendant not guilty due to the fact she did not feel the defendant intentionally allowed his pit bulls to attack and maul the raccoon in question.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery
(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPOs Lazzell, Thompson, and Elliott worked a detail at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Lazzell located a bucket containing unlawfully taken protected bass in the bed of a truck at Bells Landing Access. The CPOs conducted surveillance and observed two subjects return to the truck. A sport fishing compliance check was conducted, and the two men were found to have unlawfully taken 11 largemouth bass (limit three). All the fish in their possession were in the protected slot limit, and all 11 bass were seized as a result. One of the men was in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The CPOs also discovered that one of the men had falsified his identity because he provided a fishing license that was issued to his roommate. The CPOs conducted a consent search of the truck and located a wallet disclosing the man's identity. The man said he lied about his name to elude a fishing license ticket. Citations were issued for unlawful take of protected largemouth bass, fishing without a valid fishing license, and unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The men received several written warnings for additional counts of unlawful take.

CPO Thompson interviewed a Canton man suspected of deer permit violations. The man admitted to unlawful take of a white-tailed buck without a permit, failure to tag immediately upon kill, and failure to report harvest by 10 p.m. The man was issued three citations and several written warnings for the violations.

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

CPOs Thompson and Elliott observed a man smoking a multi colored glass pipe on the shoreline, and the man passed the pipe to his partner as well. The CPOs approached the individuals and detected a strong odor of cannabis. A compliance check was conducted, and citations were issued for no fishing license and two counts of unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

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

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff conducted a compliance check on a subject fishing at Beaver Dam State Park. When asked for his fishing license, he stated he had a license; but he did not have it on his person. A check of the POS system showed that he did have a fishing license; however, further investigation showed he also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The man was arrested and transported to the Macoupin County Jail. He was also issued a written warning for not having the fishing license in his possession.

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

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 Macias conducted boating enforcement on Lake Springfield. A total of six citations and three written warnings were issued. During one of his patrols, he assisted two people on a personal watercraft that was having engine trouble. He towed the personal watercraft to the nearest shore and took the two individuals to the location of their truck/trailer.

While on a boat patrol on Lake Springfield, CPO Macias and Sgt. Myers received a police radio dispatch call about a pair of boaters who were drunk and being belligerent. The boaters were located, and a compliance check was conducted. It was determined that they were intoxicated, had no PFDs onboard, no registration, no fishing licenses, and were trespassing on private property. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and the boaters were transported to a safe area to await someone to pick them up.

Sgt. McReynolds assisted with the IDNR auction at the Pawnee Service Center.

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 VanWiltburg investigated a watercraft accident on the Fox River involving two personal watercrafts. Unit one struck the port side of unit two. Unit two had a camera mounted on the cowling which captured footage of the accident up to impact. The operator of unit one was charged with careless operation of a watercraft.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Knop investigated a jet ski/boat accident. Two individuals on the jet ski struck a pier, then damaged two pontoon boats. The passenger of the jet ski was ejected from the jet ski and impacted a moored pontoon boat, indenting the boat's side. No one was seriously injured.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for possession of a 19-inch walleye on Nippersink Lake. There is a protected slot size of 18 to 24 inches.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley and Sgt. Schreiber responded to a call regarding an individual trapping skunks. When asked why he left the skunk in the trap for more than one calendar day, the man allegedly told the animal control officer that "it just won't die." The man was cited for the trapping and given the name of the local wildlife biologist for more effective alternatives.

CPO VanWiltburg investigated a boat accident involving serious personal injury. Several witnesses reported that the operator was driving in a reckless manner, and he ran into the port side of another boat. The man was charged with reckless operation and operation of a watercraft with a BAC over .08%. He was also issued written warnings for no fire extinguisher, unnumbered watercraft, and no Fox Waterway decal.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Anderson and Bergland were on a boat patrol when they observed a nude woman on the shore of state property with a man in the water next to her. The woman was told to dress, and they were given a ride back across the river to the boat launch. Several other individuals who were with them at the boat launch began to argue and had to be separated. The CPOs issued numerous citations to the party for alcohol in a prohibited area, and they were told to leave the area.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

While off duty, CPO Farber observed several children having a great time blue gill fishing during the spawn. He also observed two adult males position themselves near the children and throw a cast net into the park pond several times. The men were observed netting blue gill off of the beds and unlawfully kept two buckets of fish. CPO Farber asked the men, "is netting bluegill legal?" The violators advised him, "don't worry about what we are doing." He contacted the St. Anne Police Department for assistance, and an officer arrived on scene and spoke with the violators. Both men were unable to produce a valid sport fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action is pending.

While checking fishermen at Kankakee River State Park, CPO Bergland came across three out-of-state individuals. Two individuals were fishing, and one was sitting in front of a broken cooler containing empty and full bottles of beer (alcohol is not allowed at the Park). A compliance check was conducted, and the two fishermen did not have fishing licenses. When advised they would be getting citations, one of the fishermen complained that when he has been caught without a fishing license for the first time in other states, he has received a warning. CPO Bergland informed him that if he had gotten a warning in other states, he should know that a fishing license is usually required when fishing; and he should have gotten a license.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPOs Bergland and Anderson handled a boat accident where a boat hit a wake, throwing a passenger out of the boat.

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

COOK COUNTY

While patrolling Lake Michigan with Sgt. Whitchurch and CPO Stanbary, CPO Mooi observed a personal watercraft jumping the wakes of large cabin motorboats in a congested area near Navy Pier. A stop was conducted, and the operator was cited for careless operation of a watercraft.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a watercraft with two small children onboard. The children were not wearing life jackets while the boat was underway. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was issued a citation for failure to ensure children under 13 years old were in life jackets while underway. In a separate incident on the Chicago River after dark, CPO Mooi was alerted by a commercial vessel that that a recreational boat was operating near Wolf Point without any navigation lights. A safety inspection was conducted on the recreational boat, and the operator was cited for failure to use navigation lights when required.

While driving in downtown Chicago, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle run a red light. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver of the vehicle was found to have a suspended license. A citation was issued to the driver for driving while license suspended. The passenger in the vehicle, who had a valid license, took possession of the vehicle.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a vessel creating a wake near the Lake Shore Drive Bridge. A vessel safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was cited for the wake zone violation.

CPO Mooi was assisting the US Coast Guard on Lake Michigan when they encountered a small inflatable tender. The tender was up on plane, creating a wake in a no wake area. The vessel was stopped, and the operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a man standing on the gunwale of a boat wearing a pink, child size life jacket. The boat was waiting to enter the Chicago Harbor Lock, and all occupants are required to wear life jackets during the lock cycle. He also observed a woman on the vessel wearing a black and green, child size life jacket. Contact was made with the operator of the vessel, and a safety inspection was conducted. The vessel was found to have ten adult passengers and only eight adult size life jackets. The operator was instructed to head to the Chicago Marine Safety Station to finish the safety inspection and remove the overload of passengers. While conducting the inspection, CPO Mooi could smell a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage on the operator's breath. After field sobriety testing, the operator was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, as well as being cited for not having enough life jackets onboard and careless operation of a watercraft.

While on patrol on Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi observed a group of people on personal watercrafts jumping the wakes of large vessels passing nearby. One of the operators was stopped and informed of the legal prohibition on wake jumping within close proximity to vessels in a congested area. Enforcement action was taken, and the operator was informed to let the rest of his group know about the regulation. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi was assisting the US Coast Guard in search of a vessel on Lake Michigan when he observed the same group of people on personal watercrafts jumping the wakes of vessels near Navy Pier. A stop was conducted on one of the operators, and he was asked if he had been warned by the other person in his group. He stated that he was warned, and the operator was issued a citation for careless operation of a watercraft.

CPO Mooi assisted the Chicago Police Marine Unit with an unruly, suicidal subject who was rescued from the water on Lake Michigan. The subject refused to cooperate and allow EMS personnel to assist him.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi overheard a transmission from a commercial vessel. The captain of the commercial boat stated one of his crew members had been struck by a bottle thrown from a small ski boat. CPO Mooi was within visual distance of the commercial boat and observed the described recreational boat leaving the area. A stop of the recreational boat was conducted, and an investigation into the incident was completed. Charges against the person who threw the bottle are pending.

CPO Mooi attended a press briefing in support of joint operations with the US Coast Guard on recent efforts to combat the rise of illegal charter vessel operations in the Lake Michigan and Chicago area.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed two people fishing in an area that was posted as "No Entry" by the City of Chicago. He spoke with both subjects and showed them how they walked by the "No Entry" sign to gain access to where they were fishing. One subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and was cited for unlawful fishing without a valid license. Both subjects packed up their belongings and left the area.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol in William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he clocked a vehicle driving 31 mph in a posted 15-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted. While he was conversing with the driver, he could smell a strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. When asked if there was any cannabis in the vehicle, the driver immediately opened a black fanny pack and handed him a bag of cannabis and a cannabis grinder. The subject was issued a citation for the speeding violation and a civil law violation for the cannabis. The cannabis and grinder were seized.

While on patrol at a quarry adjacent to the I&M Canal, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a person fishing. Another person was preparing what appeared to be a cannabis blunt. When he got closer, the subject with the cannabis saw him and immediately dumped a glass jar containing cannabis into a purse. He asked about the cannabis, and the subject immediately handed over the glass jar containing cannabis. The subject was issued a civil law cannabis citation, and the cannabis was seized.

CPO Thornley issued a citation to a boat operator on the Chicago River for a child PFD violation after a safety compliance inspection was conducted.

CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop of an individual who was unlawfully driving on the shoulder at a high rate of speed in heavy traffic. The driver was unable to provide proof on insurance and was issued a citation for unlawfully driving on the shoulder and no insurance.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement along the Cal-Sag Channel, and safety checks were completed on numerous vessels. Eight written warnings were issued for various boating related violations.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted boating enforcement at Calumet Harbor ramps, and multiple boat safety inspections were completed. CPO Thornley issued ten written warnings for boating violations, and citations were issued to a jet ski operator for no competent observer and to a boat operator for unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft. The CPOs also assisted Chicago Police with a fight between multiple females that broke out near the ramps.

CPOs Thornley and Mooi conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Four boat safety checks were completed, and two written warnings were issued for minor boating equipment violations. The CPOs also assisted Chicago Police with an unruly passenger from a boat accident.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at Worth and Alsip public boat launches. Fifteen recreational boats and ten personal watercrafts were checked. Two warnings were issued for boat equipment violations. He also observed two personal watercrafts creating a wake in a no wake zone, and a citation was issued to each of the operators for unlawful operation of a personal watercraft above the no wake speed within 150 feet of a public boat launch.

CPO Klemme completed an investigation regarding the vessel "Chi- Scapes." The vessel was stopped in Monroe Harbor while offloading passengers. After an interview with the charterers and owner, it was determined that it was an illegal charter. The owner was cited for operating a charter prior to obtaining a passenger for hire license.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Snodgrass observed three vehicles operating off trail and driving through the mud in a closed area. He informed the three subjects of the violation and issued citations for operation of a motor vehicle off trail in a state recreation area.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPO Ausmus observed one subject fishing and conducted a fishing compliance check. The subject fishing did not have a valid sport fishing license, and he was issued a citation.

CPO Ausmus responded to Melrose Park for a complaint about a deer trapped in a small stream because a tree fell on it. After inspecting the area, it was determined that the complaint was unfounded.

CPO Ausmus transported a Florida gopher tortoise to a rehabilitator after the tortoise was dropped off at a Cook County reptile store.

CPO Ausmus conducted fish enforcement at Douglas Park Lagoon. A written warning was issued for fishing without a license. One angler presented a disabled ID card that he believed made him exempt from the license requirement, but the ID card did not have either a 2 or 2A type disability as required for the exemption. The angler was educated and provided with a 2018 Fishing Digest.

While checking anglers at a group of quarries, CPO Ausmus encountered two bass fishermen down on a rocky ledge; and he noticed drug paraphernalia in plain view. A compliance check was conducted, and he asked which angler owned the paraphernalia. One subject was issued a civil citation for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Ausmus had an abandoned vehicle towed from William W. Power State Recreation Area. The truck was in poor condition with no visible registration, and a VIN search provided information on the last registered owner. With Sgt. Whitchurch's assistance, he was able to determine the vehicle had been sold for scrap over a year ago; but the title was

never transferred. The registered owner was provided the tow company's information, and he notified the Secretary of State Police investigators about the titling issues.

While patrolling state-owned land, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted on the speeding vehicle, and it was determined that the vehicle was uninsured. The driver was issued a citation for the insurance violation, and a written warning was issued for speeding. In a separate incident, he observed three individuals consuming alcohol where prohibited. Each subject was issued a citation for unlawful possession of alcohol where prohibited.

While patrolling the Lake Michigan shoreline, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing from a sea wall, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. The individual was found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license, and a citation was issued for the violation.

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

No activity reported for this county.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell closed the Middle Fork River due to high water conditions.

CPO Cottrell conducted two watercraft title investigations.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted Illinois State Police troopers with traffic control at a motor vehicle accident on I-70.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation for a Coles County resident.

CPO Greuel cited two individuals at Lake Paradise for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOs Wellum and Greuel arrested a subject on Lake Shelbyville for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

While on patrol on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Moody wrote various boating citations and warnings.

CPOs Barnes and Mieure are conducting background investigations of CPO Trainee applicants.

CPOs Greuel and Wellum cited an Arthur man on Lake Shelbyville for OUI.

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds cited a Champaign man at Wolf Creek State Park for speeding. He was driving 52 mph in a posted 30-mph zone.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

While on patrol at Governor Bond Lake, CPOs Lentz and Taylor issued several warnings and two citations for PDF violations.

CPO Tapley is investigating a timber theft case.

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 assisted Randolph County Sheriff's Deputies with a foot pursuit that started with a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle.

CPO Sievers responded to a 911 call that was dispatched by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office regarding two men that were swimming at the Randolph County Recreation Area's dam. One of the men went over and into the concrete overflow, falling over ten feet to the concrete bottom. The subject was recovered from the overflow by members of the Chester Fire Department, and he was taken to the Chester Hospital. The two men were issued citations for unlawfully swimming.

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 at Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area, CPO Roper observed a boat coming into the boat launch no wake zone at a high rate of speed. He conducted a boat safety inspection and found three adults and four children onboard. One of the children in the boat was wearing a swim vest that was not Coast Guard approved, and an infant child was not wearing a required lifejacket. There were not enough lifejackets onboard the boat for the three adults, and he discovered several other safety equipment violations. The operator of the boat was issued citations for children under 13 not wearing a required lifejacket and for the insufficient number of adult lifejackets. Several written warnings were also issued for the no wake violation and safety equipment violations. The subject was given a mandatory court date in Franklin County court.

CPO Lay took enforcement action in a case involving a juvenile who had shot a sport fish with his bow fishing device.

While conducting fish enforcement at Rend Lake, CPO Lay issued a citation to a Missouri resident for fishing without a fishing license.

CPOs Lay and Diggins assisted Rend Lake Search and Rescue members with the raising of a boat which had taken on water after being tied to the dock overnight. Divers placed lift bags under the boat's stern which allowed the boat to float and be positioned back onto the trailer.

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake. The following enforcement actions were taken: five written warnings for boat equipment violations; one arrest for OUI; and three citations for OUI and operating a personal watercraft after sunset.

CPOs Diggins and Williams conducted a safety inspection on a ski boat at Rend Lake. When the operator of the boat noticed they were being stopped, the subject put something into their pocket. During the safety check, the operator admitted it was an unused cannabis cigarette and surrendered it. A civil citation was issued for the cannabis, and a written warning for an equipment violation was issued.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Williams assisted the White County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police by patrolling the Ohio River by boat to search for escaped fugitives from the White County Jail.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden continued background investigations on applicants for the upcoming CPO Trainee class.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued a commercial fisherman a citation for failure to report his yearly catch to the State.

CPO Schoenhoff received a TIP complaint regarding an untagged commercial fishing net that was left on private property in the backwaters of the Ohio River after the water had receded. The gill net contained several dead fish and a predatory bird. A witness provided a written statement describing the subject they saw putting the gill net in the backwaters. An interview of the subject led to five citations being issued for the following violations: commercial fishing outside designated waters; commercial fishing on private property without permission; failure to check the gill net every 24 hours; unlawful take of a predatory bird; and failure to tag the gill net with name and address. A written warning was issued for no sport fishing license.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay closed out an investigation from July 2017 regarding the improper use/endorsement of a boat title. The Jefferson County woman was found guilty for improper use of a title/registration. The boat's prior owner was given six months conditional discharge and ordered to pay a fine of \$565.

Sgt. Cariens and CPO Williams received information about two individuals camping in an illegal campsite at Rend Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. This information was obtained from a man who was in custody at the Jefferson County Jail because of an incident at that location the night prior. The campsite was located and dismantled. The man was cited for camping outside a designated area and for having a fire outside a designated area. The camping equipment was delivered to the man's girlfriend, and she was also cited for the violations.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Lay participated in response efforts to recover/search for a subject that went missing after jumping off a bridge.

CPO Diggins issued a Carmi commercial fisherman a written warning for failure to report yearly catch to the State.

CPOs Schoenhoff and Williams responded to the Skillet Fork River to assist the White County Sheriff's Department with the report of a subject in the water.

Sgt. Cariens and CPOs Somers and Williams responded to the Wabash River near Grayville to assist the White County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police in the search for escaped inmates from the White County Jail.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed two subjects fishing at the Hutsonville Boat Dock on the Wabash River. A compliance check was conducted, and neither subject had a fishing license. Each subject was issued a citation for fishing with no valid fishing license. In a separate incident, CPO Roper observed a vehicle pulled to the side of the road with its hazard lights activated. He activated his emergency lights and pulled behind the vehicle to see if the driver needed assistance. The driver of the vehicle had struck a deer, and the vehicle was not drivable. After checking the driver's information, it was discovered the subject had two arrest warrants in separate counties for meth charges. The subject was arrested and taken to the Crawford County Jail.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

While conducting a taxidermy inspection, CPO Roper observed a ten-point white-tailed buck rack from the 2017 firearm deer season in the taxidermy shop. The permit used to record the harvest of the buck was a landowner tag of a local resident in Jasper County. The deer's harvest information did not match the name on the landowner permit according to the taxidermist's records. Additional information was collected, and he conducted an interview with the subject on the taxidermist's records. After a brief conversation with the subject, it was determined he had harvested the deer during the 2017 firearm deer season and recorded the harvest on another person's landowner permit. The subject did not possess any firearm deer permits for the 2017 firearm season. The subject was charged with unlawful take of white-tailed deer and hunting with no valid firearm permit. The ten-point rack was seized as evidence.

CPO Greuel assisted CPO Roper with a white-tailed deer harvest investigation, and the man was cited for unlawful possession of an unlawfully taken white-tailed deer.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

Sgt. Hyatt received a complaint about a reptile exhibitor. The subject in the complaint has been doing reptile shows in Illinois but is a Missouri resident. The complaint stated the subject had been bringing a live alligator to his shows but did not possess the required permits for the alligator. Along with the possession of the alligator, the subject was reported to have been letting children hold the alligator and large snakes of the Boidae family without maintaining physical control over the animals. CPO Roper attended the reptile program and found that the subject did possess a live American alligator. During the program, the exhibitor allowed several children and adults to hold the alligator. The alligator had no banding or tape around its mouth; and at times, the subject had no physical contact with the alligator when a child was holding it. The exhibitor also possessed an albino reticulated python that was approximately eight feet in length. While the possession of the snake is not unlawful, the exhibitor did allow children to hold the snake when he had no physical contact with it as required. CPO Tapley conducted a traffic stop of the reptile exhibitor's vehicle after he left the venue. CPOs Tapley and Roper informed the subject why he was stopped, and they seized the alligator for evidence. He was charged with unlawful possession of an American alligator, failure to maintain physical control of an alligator during an exhibit (mouth banded), and failure to maintain physical control of a python during exhibit (not holding at least head while children held the snake).

CPO Smith responded to a complaint regarding an injured bald eagle at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area. He met with the witnesses who said they observed the injured eagle as they were kayaking near the shore. With the assistance of the witnesses, he located the eagle. The eagle was sitting on a stump; and as he walked towards it, it flew away. The eagle appeared to have an injured wing because it was holding one wing lower than the other.

CPO Smith conducted several boat safety inspections at Forbes Lake. Two written warnings were issued for minor equipment violations.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While on patrol at East Fork Lake after dark, CPO Roper observed a boat coming in to the boat launch cove at a high rate of speed through a no wake zone and no navigation lights as required. He conducted a boat safety inspection, and the operator of the boat was issued a citation for operation of a watercraft with no required navigation lights after sunset. A written warning was issued for the no wake violation and not having the batteries of the boat strapped down and covered.

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 Johnson arrested a subject at Kinkaid Lake for OUI (BAC of .145).

CPO Somers arrested a driver at Giant City State Park for DUI.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson is investigating a Tennessee subject who reportedly took a ten-point deer without a permit.

CPO Johnson is investigating two Georgia subjects who reportedly took two bucks without permits.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited a fisherman for fishing without permission. The fisherman passed eight "No Trespassing" signs as he accessed the property.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.