



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



*Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.*

**DATE: July 10, 2019**  
(Weeks of June 16 – 30, 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**

While on patrol at Mississippi Palisades State Park, CPO Hoftender cited an Oswego man for public urination.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoftender cited a Stockton man for not having a life jacket in his kayak.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **OGLE COUNTY**

While on a boat patrol of the Rock River, CPO Teas and CPOT Skelton cited a boater for no PFD.

CPO Beltran and CPOT Miller arrested a man for felony obstruction of justice, OUI, and various boating violations. The man also had a valid \$3,000 cash warrant from Lee County.

#### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

CPO Teas and CPOT Skelton utilized side scan sonar to search for a drowning victim on the Mississippi River.

#### **STEPHENSON COUNTY**

CPO Beltran and CPOT AJ Hyatt discovered a fisherman in possession of live rusty crayfish (invasive species), and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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 Murry stopped a vehicle for speeding, and he detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle. The driver admitted to drinking multiple beers that day. After a brief investigation, the driver was arrested for DUI and cited for speeding, illegal transportation of alcohol, and improper lane usage. Other charges are pending.

While on patrol of the Illinois River, CPOs Murry and Kaufmann stopped a personal watercraft after seeing one of the occupants not wearing a PFD. During that stop, it was discovered that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The operator was arrested and charged with operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, PFD violation, and improper display of registration.

CPO Kaufman responded to reports of three different injured hikers at Starved Rock State Park and Matthiessen State Park. Each hiker slipped and fell on the muddy trails, and the injuries sustained required a trip to the local hospital emergency room.

CPOT Wolf and CPO Finn conducted a boat patrol of the Illinois River. During that patrol, several boats were stopped for equipment and safety violations. One individual was cited for OUI. The operator refused to complete the field sobriety test or provide a breath sample. He was given a citation for OUI and a missing navigation light. His boating privileges are also being revoked.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While conducting boat safety checks, CPO Murry issued two citations for PFD violations.

While on patrol along the Rock River, CPO Alt and CPOT Peecher conducted boat compliance and safety checks. They encountered an individual with an expired registration decal, and a citation was issued for operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

While on patrol in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt and CPOT Peecher encountered several traffic violations which included speeding over the posted limit (38 mph in a 20-mph zone) and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Citations were issued to those individuals. In a separate incidence, CPO Alt and CPOT Peecher responded to a call of a tree falling on a camper at Rock Cut State Park campgrounds. No one was injured, and park personnel removed the fallen tree from the camper and personal vehicle without further incident.

While on a boat patrol at Shabbona Lake, CPO Kaufman and CPOT Peecher encountered a small watercraft with three occupants. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and citations were written for no wearable PFDs on board and unlawful fishing without a license.

CPO Alt and CPOT Peecher responded to a report of a burglary at the Olson Lake Beach concession stand and shower house in Rock Cut State Park. No items were missing; however, the doors to the concession stand and shower house sustained damage from the forced entry.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**KNOX COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

CPOT McCarter and CPO Lazzell attended a hunter safety course in Toluca. They spoke with young hunters about safety regulations and talked about the duties of CPO.

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**PEORIA COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**STARK COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPOT McCarter arrested a Tazewell County resident during a fishing compliance check for an outstanding failure to appear warrant.

CPOT McCarter cited a fisherman at Spring Lake for the unlawful take of a largemouth bass with a bowfishing device.

**WARREN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WOODFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

**(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike &**

## Schuyler)

### ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic instructed a rifle firearms class for the recruits at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

### 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

While conducting sport fishing compliance checks, CPO Wheatley encountered a male and female fishing at the Niota boat ramp. Neither of the two had a fishing license; and upon further investigation, it was discovered that the male had an outstanding Hancock County warrant for obstruction of identification. The female was issued a citation for no fishing license, and the male was arrested and taken to the Hancock County Jail. He was also issued a citation for no fishing license.

### JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Spinka and CPO Goetten conducted interviews and obtained confessions on an illegal dumping complaint. The offenders were cited for illegal dumping, and they voluntarily cleaned up the garbage.

### MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Goetten checked two fishermen for compliance at Beaver Dam State Park. One subject was unlawfully in possession of a loaded 357 pistol. The other subject was a convicted felon wanted on a warrant. Both were arrested and transported to the Macoupin County Jail.

CPO Gushleff gave two presentations at day camps for two different groups of children. One group, a Carlinville Girl Scout troop, had a station where he led a hike around the Marsh Trail at Beaver Dam State Park. The other group of children from the Girard Baptist Church learned about the duties of a CPO.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Gushleff encountered three different subjects who had minor fishing or boating violations. Three written warnings were issued to the subjects, and they were educated on how to become compliant.

### PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blazinic conducted sport fish enforcement, and citations were issued for various violations.

### 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**

While conducting sport fish and recreational boat enforcement on Lake Jacksonville, CPO Snodgrass stopped one vessel bearing Minnesota registration. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the boat was purchased from Minnesota by an Illinois resident. The subject failed to register the boat in his name, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a vessel safety inspection. There were no wearable life jackets on board the boat, and the owner was issued a citation for operation without life jackets.

CPO Wichern received a complaint regarding careless operation of a watercraft on Lake Jacksonville. The complainant advised that a pontoon boat operated within 20-30 yards of his daughter as he was attempting to recover her after waterskiing. CPO Wichern determined that the offending boat operator was 17 years old, and it was the first time the subject had operated out of the no wake portion of the Lake. The operator admitted to not initially seeing the female in the water, but he turned and slowed operation after he become aware of her. The operator contacted the complainant and apologized for his actions. CPO Wichern also determined that the youthful operator had not completed a USCG boating safety class prior to operating the pontoon boat. With the approval of the complainant, the subject will be required to successfully complete a USCG boating safety class prior to operating another motorboat.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

While patrolling Lake Springfield, CPO Macias conducted a fishing compliance check on four individuals. The individuals did not speak English, and after checking their identification and finding an interpreter, 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**

CPO Davis completed a falsification investigation of a nonresident illegally procuring resident hunting and fishing privileges using his parents' Illinois address. The subject was issued multiple citations for falsification of record, hunting without valid hunting license, hunting without a valid archery deer permit, and unlawful take of white-tailed deer.

## LAKE COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a subject fishing on Squaw Creek for failure to immediately release a 9.5-inch largemouth bass. Site regulations for this body of water require the fish to be a minimum of 14 inches.

CPO Kelley is investigating an alleged battery that occurred at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park.

CPOT Buchanan and CPO Knop arrested two subjects at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

CPOT Buchanan and CPO Knop arrested a subject on Grass Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and violating a posted no wake area. The subject refused chemical testing.

## MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOT Buchanan cited an individual at Wonder Lake for unlawful possession and retaining a raccoon. This has been a recurring issue, and the residents at this house have been cited several times over the years.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for failure to check traps each calendar day and failure to obtain a nuisance wildlife control permit prior to trapping. The subject had been advertising as a licensed nuisance removal person and captured a skunk at a client's house. After two days, the skunk was still in the trap, and the subject indicated he was running late and would be out there later that evening. The subject failed to arrive as promised; and it was determined that he was arrested and incarcerated on unrelated charges by the local sheriff's department. The subject was issued charges for his trapping violations.

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

### GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Honiotes, along with a Grundy County Sheriff's deputy, responded to an ATV accident on private property. One person was airlifted to the hospital.

### KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Farber and Anderson, along with CPOT Wilkinson and Sgt. Wollgast, recovered the body of a man who drowned in the Kankakee River after his boat lost power and was swept into a log jam. The Momence Fire Department and Illinois State Police aided in the recovery.

CPO Anderson gave a presentation to a group of children at the Illinois State Police Team Illinois Youth Police Camp at Olivet Nazarene University about the responsibilities of a CPO. He also showed them a Conservation Police air boat.

### KENDALL COUNTY

Sgt. Wollgast investigated a break-in at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area.

### WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes is investigating the killing of a flock of geese at a private club.

CPO Honiotes responded to a call regarding shots fired outside Channahon State Park. A man was shot while in his back yard. Channahon Police and the Illinois State Police are handling the investigation.

CPO Honiotes assisted the participants at the Village of Shorewood Kids Fishing Derby.

## **District 4 – Captain Jed Whitchurch**

## (Counties: Cook & DuPage)

### COOK COUNTY

While on patrol of state-owned land and investigating the riding of ATVs where prohibited, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot attempted to make contact with one of the ATV operators. That subject tried to ram CPO Sanford to escape. CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot eventually arrested the subject. The subject was charged with felony obstructing/resisting and placed into the custody of the Chicago Police Department, pending a bond hearing. The subject was also charged with unlawful operation of an ATV on state land, reckless operation of an ATV, and failure to stop the ATV when ordered to do so by police.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot observed two individuals fishing from the bank of a lake, and a fishing compliance check was completed. Neither individual possessed a valid Illinois sport fishing license, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting speed radar enforcement, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 11 mph over the posted speed limit. The driver had no proof of valid insurance. The subject was issued a citation for the insurance violation, and a written warning was issued for the speed violation. In a separate incidence, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 17 mph over the posted speed limit. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for the violation.

CPOT Prasun and CPO Stanbary conducted a boat patrol on the Cal Sag Channel. During the patrol, officers investigated an overturned boat floating in the river. The boat was discovered by the USCG. The investigation revealed that a boater had forgotten to put the plug in his boat; and when the boat took on too much water, it began to sink. The boater abandoned his boat and swam to shore. He initially fabricated a story about the boat floating away after the winch strap broke while pulling the boat out of the water. The boater was issued multiple tickets and has an upcoming mandatory court date. Multiple other boat inspections were completed during the patrol, and three written warnings were issued to boaters for equipment violations. In a separate incident, the officers issued a citation to a bank fisherman who was found fishing with no valid sport fishing license.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Prasun were notified by Illinois State Police dispatch that there was a body floating in the Cal Sag River. The officers responded by boat; and after a short search, the body was located and recovered.

CPO Klemme testified at a federal hearing for the suspension/revocation of a merchant mariner's credentials. The captain worked for a company that was running illegal charters and is now out of business.

CPO Klemme conducted a joint enforcement detail with the USCG. While patrolling through Monroe Harbor, she observed the vessel "Another Dream." It was cited last summer for an illegal charter operation and a Captain of the Port Notification was issued at that time. The boat was again conducting an illegal charter, and the operator was cited for no USCG captain's license, no passenger for hire license, and no state registration. The charter was terminated, and the vessel was escorted back to 31<sup>st</sup> Harbor.

CPOs Klemme, Stanbary, and Sanford, along with Sgt. Mooi, are investigating the boat accident which resulted in one fatality and three missing boaters. The search is ongoing and includes sonar operations and divers from the Chicago Police Marine Unit.

CPO Klemme is conducting a boat title fraud investigation.

Sgt. Mooi issued two written warnings to a boater on Lake Michigan for failure to have a sounding device and failure to update his vessel registration.

### DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported in 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**

CPOs Greuel and Viverito, along with Sgt. McReynolds, conducted rifle and shotgun training for CPOTs at the IDNR Academy.

**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**

CPO Wellum conducted a boat enforcement detail on Mill Creek Lake. He issued three written warnings during the detail.

**COLES COUNTY**

While conducting boat safety checks at Lake Charleston, CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued a Charleston man two written warnings for boat equipment violations. In a separate incident, they issued written warnings for no wearable PFDs to two women kayaking on Lake Charleston.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle, and the driver was issued a citation for speeding.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued an Indiana man one written warning for fishing without a nonresident fishing license. In a separate incidence regarding a call of a suspicious vehicle at Woods Lake, they issued another Indiana man written warnings for no fishing license and improper display of registration.

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

While checking fishermen along the Kaskaskia River, CPO Moody encountered a group of men in a vehicle with open alcohol, and they were smoking cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SHELBY COUNTY

While on patrol on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued one citation to a man on a jet ski for not wearing a PFD.

CPOs Mieure and Moody, along with CPOT Hyatt and Sgt. McReynolds, conducted a search of Hidden Springs State Forest after two Effingham men reported a woman that was with them went missing just prior to a severe thunder storm. An Illinois State Police trooper and his canine assisted in the search. The men said the woman did not have a cell phone. After several hours, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office reported that a woman matching the description of the missing person was arrested; and it was discovered that she was wanted on a Clay County arrest warrant. The woman's identity was confirmed through photos, and the search was called off.

CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued one written warning to a woman for unlawful passenger location when she was riding with her feet over the bow of the boat.

CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued a man five written warnings for boat safety violations to include no Type IV throwable device, no fire extinguisher, battery terminals uncovered, no sounding device, and unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Mieure and CPOT Hyatt issued a man three written warnings for not wearing a PFD on a jet ski, no fire extinguisher, and no sounding device.

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol, CPOT Spinka and CPO Goetten issued several warnings and citations for boating and fishing violations. One subject was arrested for OUI (BAC was .164%).

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

CPOT Doescher and CPO Folden conducted boat safety inspections at Rend Lake. CPOT Doescher arrested one boat operator for OUI (BAC was .081%), and he was processed and released.

CPOT Doescher and CPO Folden conducted a traffic stop. During the stop, CPOT Doescher identified the smell of cannabis coming from the vehicle. When asked about the cannabis, the driver handed over a baggie of cannabis and a pipe. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Peecher and CPO Williams assisted the US Army Corps of Engineers with the search for a missing person along the Big Muddy River, south of the Rend Lake Dam Spillway. Officers launched their boat and conducted a surface search of the area. The missing person was later located, and the subject was safe.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPOT Peecher and CPO Williams assisted the Hardin County Emergency Management Agency and the Sheriff's Department with the search for a subject who went missing on the Ohio River following a boating incident in Kentucky waters. Officers used side scan sonar to assist in the search.

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, along with CPOT Peecher and several other CPOs from the District, executed a search warrant for the illegal operation of a hound running area. During the search, approximately 18 violations were discovered.

**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 patrolling Vandalia Lake, CPO Roper and CPOT Willand observed a boat underway with several passengers in the boat. One occupant was observed sitting on the side rail of the boat. Also, the boat was not displaying a blaze orange flag while towing; and it did not have a properly displayed, valid registration sticker. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for the unsafe passenger placement, and written warnings for the other violations.

CPO Roper assisted Vandalia Police with a vehicle crash where passengers were injured.

**JASPER COUNTY**

While patrolling Newton Lake, CPO Taylor and CPOT Willand completed several sport fishing checks. One individual was discovered to be a child sex offender and was taken into custody by CPOT Willand. The individual was jailed at Jasper County Jail.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MARION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

While conducting a boat patrol on East Fork Lake, CPO Taylor and CPOT Willand inspected 12 vessels for safety equipment, as well as compliance with fishing regulations. Two written warnings were issued for fishing violations, and one written warning was issued a for safety equipment violation.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek received a disposition in a case involving two subjects who were charged with spotlighting and having uncased, loaded crossbows in the truck. The subjects were fined \$500, and they forfeited the crossbows.

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating an outfitter providing services without a license.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson took workers from the Southern Illinois Power Company out on a boat to restore power to Joppa residents.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson investigated a fishing without permission complaint, and the subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant. No other charges were filed.

CPO Tapley encountered a subject parked in a parking lot at the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge. The driver was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and a stolen shotgun; and he had an outstanding Jackson County arrest warrant. The subject was arrested and held at the Williamson County Jail.