



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 May 16 – 31, 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 a boat patrol on Lake Carroll, CPO Palumbo and CPO Trainee (CPOT) Skelton located three juveniles in an unregistered, ten-foot jon boat. Two of the occupants were wearing their PFDs, and the third did not have one available to him. The vessel was followed back to their dock, and the parent in charge of the boys and boat, was issued a citation for allowing a minor child to operate a watercraft with an insufficient number of PFDs on board. Written warnings were issued for no sounding device and unregistered watercraft.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Doescher conducted a vehicle stop for no headlight and ended up arresting the driver for open alcohol and DUI.

CPOs Teas, Palumbo and Hoftender, along with CPOTs Hyatt, Skelton, and Doescher, conducted a boating enforcement detail on Lake Carroll and Apple Canyon Lake. Over 20 boats were checked resulting in five citations for PFD and registration violations. Nineteen written warnings were issued for other minor violations.

HENRY COUNTY

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Posateri issued a citation to a Cordova man for fishing without a license.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Doescher observed a man fishing; but when he saw them, he dropped his pole and walked away. The Galena man was cited for fishing without a license.

While on patrol in Apple River Canyon State Park, CPO Hoftender and CPOT Doescher conducted a vehicle stop for no front license plate. The man was driving without a valid license, no insurance, and was in possession of cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

While checking fishermen along the Rock River, CPO Teas and CPOT Andrew Hyatt discovered a subject to be in possession of a smallmouth bass during the closed season. The fisherman was cited, and the fish was released. In a separate incidence,

CPO Teas and CPOT Andrew Hyatt were checking fisherman when they discovered a subject to be in possession of two smallmouth bass during the closed season. The subject was cited for the violation, and the fish were released.

While checking for license compliance, CPO Beltran and CPOT AJ Hyatt discovered a man who, despite being warned multiple times, was fishing without permission. The man was issued a citation for fishing next to the no trespassing sign.

CPO Beltran rescued an injured bald eagle and took it to HooHaven.org.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko coordinated a fishing/snagging enforcement detail, and a few fishing violations were observed. Two citations and one written warning were issued for fishing violations.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Skelton attended a fishing derby at Butterfield Park where they gave a presentation on water safety and fishing opportunities in Illinois. CPOT Skelton assisted multiple young anglers with rigging their fishing gear.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran and CPOT AJ Hyatt investigated a case involving a fawn that died after being taken from its mother. The person responsible was cited for the violation.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPOT Skelton assisted CPO Palumbo in multiple investigations involving annual harvest reports of commercial fishermen. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Doescher issued a warning to a Fulton man for trespass after receiving a complaint about trespassing mushroom hunters.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Jansen and CPOT Gerdes responded to the Starved Rock Visitor Center late at night for a report of a subject attempting to break in. Upon arrival, the subject appeared to be experiencing hallucinations. EMS was contacted, and he was taken to IVCH for treatment. It was later discovered that the subject was not taking his medication. No enforcement action was taken.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPOT Willand were advised that there were commercial fishing nets floating near Hennepin on the Illinois River. The two hoop nets were found, and they were full of dead fish. The nets had clearly not been checked every 72 hours as required. The nets were seized as illegal devices, and the investigation is ongoing.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson investigated a complaint of hunting without permission. Upon identifying a hunting location used by the responsible parties, CPOs Thompson and Elliott eventually located and arrested two men for trespass, unlawful hunting on property without permission, and unlawful hunting without valid permits. As a result, four citations and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted boating safety checks at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area and Canton Lake. Three written warnings were issued for equipment issues.

CPO Thompson investigated a Fulton County man for failure to report accurate commercial fish harvest records to the IDNR. He discovered that the man submitted an inaccurate report by way of excluding over 70,000 pounds of buffalo having been sold in 2018. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in a restricted area at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Thompson conducted a stop of a trespassing vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for unlawful transport of an uncased bow in a vehicle, and written warnings were issued for fishing without a valid fishing license, trespassing, and no valid driver's license on person.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

While conducting fish and recreational boating enforcement, CPO Elliott conducted a safety inspection of a boat with two occupants, an adult male and a child under 13 years of age. The child was not wearing a life jacket while the boat was underway as required. Additionally, the adult was operating the boat at increased speeds in a "no-wake" area. Also, the operator did not have a Type IV flotation device; and his fishing license was not in possession. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott attended the Scott Jennings Memorial Day Children’s Fishing Derby at Spring Lake Park. He spoke with several fishermen and answered questions related to fishing, hunting, and recreational boating.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Palumbo and the Region I firearms instructors conducted annual firearms qualifications and firearms training exercises at the Chillicothe Sportsmen’s Club. The IDNR Conservation Police Firearms Program would like to thank the Chillicothe Sportsmen’s Club for the use of their outstanding facilities and their hospitality.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited an individual at Powerton Lake for unlawfully snagging sport fish.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted sport fishing and recreational boating enforcement. A sport fish compliance check revealed that three subjects did not have fishing licenses. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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

CPO Goetten cited an unlicensed timber buyer for failure to pay 4% harvest fees.

CPOT Olroyd and CPO Goetten investigated a criminal trespass complaint, and enforcement action is pending.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley and CPOT McKune conducted a commercial fishing detail on Pool 20 of the Mississippi River. They saw multiple trammel nets not in attendance in an area near Warsaw. After surveying the area in multiple directions, the nets were pulled and logged into evidence. The nets belonged to a man from Fulton County who was roe fishing for sturgeon. The man was subsequently charged with three counts of failure to be in attendance of nets during the required hours during roe season.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

While on a boat patrol of Gillespie Lake, CPO Gushleff issued a citation to a subject who disregarded instructions from City of Gillespie employees not to enter the fireworks blast zone. He caught up with the boat and conducted a safety inspection of the vessel. The subject did not have his battery covered as required by law, and a citation was issued for the violation.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

During a routine boat patrol at Sangchris Lake, CPOs Wichern and Snodgrass issued citations to fishermen in possession of several short, largemouth bass. In a separate incidence, CPO Snodgrass located two fishermen with three largemouth bass each. It was determined that only one fish met the posted 15-inch minimum size limit. The short fish were seized, and the fishermen were cited for failing to immediately release short fish.

CPO Snodgrass observed several fishermen fishing around the Sangchris Lake spillway. Fishing compliance checks were conducted, and one subject was in possession of two short, largemouth bass. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Macias responded to a radio call from the Menard County Sheriff's Office regarding a subject in a homemade boat that was in distress on the Sangamon River because of the high water and swift current near the Lincoln's New Salem Heritage Site. The boat was swept toward the shore and capsized when it got caught up in the brush. The supplies in the boat were swept away by the water, and the subject swam to the bank and pulled himself out of the water. He was able to walk to a road and flag down a car. The deputy and CPO Macias located the boat and towed it back to shore. They also assisted the subject in recovering his items. The subject had no life jacket in the boat, and he was issued a citation.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPOs Wichern and Macias issued warnings to recreational boaters on the Illinois River between Meredosia and Beardstown for operating on the River during a USCG closure due to high water.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Kelley responded to a liquid fertilizer spill in Volo. A fitting on the tank failed, and approximately 200 gallons of liquid fertilizer flowed down the storm drains of a neighborhood. A local retention pond, which is stocked with fish, was threatened with contamination. The Fox Lake Fire Department responded and was able to temporarily plug the storm drains. An environmental response company was then contacted to clean up the spilled material. The Lake County Health Department and the IDNR will monitor the pond for signs of contamination.

CPO Knop arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

CPO Knop cited a subject on Grass Lake for operating a personal watercraft without a wearing a PFD.

CPOT Anderson cited a subject on Spring Lake for allowing a child under the age of 13 to be on his watercraft without wearing a PFD.

CPO Reid and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject at Round Lake for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

While on patrol at the Chain O'Lakes State Park, CPO Reid conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle towing a boat trailer. The driver of the vehicle had just removed his boat from the water after a day of recreational boating. After noticing immediate indicators of impairment, CPO Reid administered field sobriety testing on the driver. The driver was subsequently arrested for DUI alcohol and provided a BAC of .153. Citations were issued for: improper lane usage, DUI alcohol, and DUI alcohol (BAC <.08). In a separate incidence, CPO Reid cited a male subject at the Chain O'Lakes State Park campground for unlawfully entering the female shower building.

CPO Kelley interviewed a subject who brought an "abandoned" fawn from Wisconsin to Gurnee. The subject had been camping in the Wisconsin Dells and thought the fawn needed assistance. The subject was issued a citation and written warning. He was also given information about the effects and spread of chronic wasting disease.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for shooting fireworks at Canada geese.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg responded to a nuisance trapping complaint in Fox River Grove. A resident had trapped a raccoon in a leg hold trap. The incident was reported to the Fox River Grove Police Department. The responding officer euthanized the raccoon and contacted CPO Kelley. When the CPOs arrived, it was found that the resident had also live-trapped a squirrel and allowed it to die in the trap. The resident was informed of the proper procedures for removing nuisance wildlife, and a citation was issued for his violations.

CPOT Anderson and CPO Davis responded to a call regarding a lost concealed carry pistol at Stratton Lock and Dam. The subject entered the outhouse building and placed his holstered pistol on the window sill before using the pit toilet.

While using the facilities, he received a phone call and inadvertently left the pistol in the restroom facility. He drove for approximately 20 minutes outside of the park before realizing he was not in possession of his firearm. When he returned, the pistol was missing. A report was taken, and local law enforcement agencies were notified in the event the pistol is turned into other authorities.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Bergland assisted an Illinois State Police K-9 unit with a stop on I-80. The subject, who was arrested for felony drugs, was also transporting a snowmobile; and CPO Bergland was asked for assistance in making sure it was not stolen.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber and CPOT Prasun assisted the Illinois State Police with the search for a subject who fled a traffic stop near Papineau. The District 21 K-9 was dispatched to locate the suspect. The suspect was tracked to a marsh. The dog was unable to continue tracking the suspect, and a warrant was issued for the subject.

CPO Farber and CPOT Prasun conducted a boat patrol on the Kankakee River. Two subjects were cited for not having wearable PFDs on board their watercrafts.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

Responding to a request by the Joliet Township Fire Department, CPO Honiotes and CPO Bergland used the District 3 airboat to assist in the search for a missing teenager.

While patrolling Des Plains State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Bergland observed two people fishing. Before he got out of his squad, he saw one of them try to hide a bottle of beer (alcohol is prohibited at this site). When he got out his squad, he could smell the odor of burnt cannabis. He approached the two subjects and discovered neither of them had fishing licenses. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Bergland assisted the Illinois State Police with a motorcycle accident involving injuries. The subject exited I-55, then failed to negotiate the exit turn. The subject drove off into some bushes, narrowly missing a head-on collision with the end of a guard rail. He later learned that the subject was arrested for DUI.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot conducted a random commercial inspection of a furbearing mammal breeder. It was discovered that the individual was in possession of a red fox without a valid permit to do so, and a citation was issued for the violation. The individual gained compliance by purchasing a valid furbearing mammal breeder permit upon completion of the inspection.

While conducting a boat patrol, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot observed a watercraft with two small children on board not wearing PFDs, as required by law. As the watercraft passed the IDNR patrol boat, an adult passenger attempted to place PFDs on the children. CPOT Elliot conducted a boat stop and subsequent safety inspection on the watercraft. The operator of the watercraft was educated about the PFD laws, and a citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot located a vehicle and multiple individuals present in William W. Powers State Recreation Area after posted closing time. The individuals were educated, and the driver of the vehicle was issued a written warning for the violation. In a separate incidence, CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot located a vehicle parked in a posted no parking zone at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. The driver of the vehicle was located, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot located two individuals in a duck blind at Wolf Lake. One individual was fishing, while the other was observing. After examining the interior of the duck blind, CPOT Elliot located four empty glass bottles, as well as two full alcoholic beverages. CPOT Elliot conducted a fishing compliance check on the individual who had been fishing and discovered that the individual had a valid sport fishing license but did not have the license in their possession. CPOT Elliot issued one individual a written warning for the alcohol violation. A written warning was issued to the other individual for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Sanford and CPOT Elliot observed two separate passenger location violations while conducting a boat patrol on the Chicago River. In each instance, the vessel was stopped; and a boat safety inspection was performed. Each operator was educated as to the regulations and issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Sanford attended a course on the treatment of combat wounds and casualty recovery.

While patrolling at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Klemme and CPOT Kusta observed a vessel approaching the dock. A routine inspection found that the operator did not have the boat's battery properly secured. The subject presented a Wisconsin driver's license, and his vehicle was registered in Wisconsin. The subject was in possession of a resident Illinois fishing license. It was determined that he was not a resident of Illinois, and he was issued a citation for the license violation and a written warning for the boating violation. His fishing license was also seized.

While conducting boat inspections at Calumet Harbor, CPO Klemme and CPOT Kusta discovered a vessel with expired flares. The subject was issued a written warning.

While checking fishermen, CPO Klemme and CPOT Kusta observed two subjects fishing. When asked for fishing licenses, one individual provided a current license; and the other individual claimed that he was fishing in Indiana and it was "free fishing days." After a short investigation, it was determined that he was an Illinois resident and was not eligible for free fishing. He was issued a citation for no fishing license.

CPOs Stanbary and Klemme, along with CPOT Kusta, conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. While conducting a boat safety inspection, CPOT Kusta noticed that the operator was showing signs of impairment. The boat operator was brought on board the patrol boat, and field sobriety tests were conducted. As a result, the operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The boat operator was also issued two citations and a written warning for an equipment violation. In a separate incidence, a boat operator was issued a citation when he was found to have a child under the age of 13 with no wearable PFD. During another vessel inspection, the CPOT wrote written warnings to an operator for multiple equipment violations which included no Type IV throwable, unsecured batteries, improper navigation lighting, and an unserviceable fire extinguisher.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Kusta located a fisherman on the Calumet River that was in possession of two yellow perch during a closed season. A citation was issued, and the fish were seized.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Kusta conducted fish enforcement, and multiple fish compliance checks were conducted. They also responded to a fatal boat accident that occurred in Arlington Heights. An adult male died after his boat capsized in the middle of Lake Terramere. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the Arlington Heights Police Department.

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

CPOT Miller and CPO Reeves arrested a male subject at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. The subject was observed driving a vehicle on a gravel bike path that prohibits vehicular travel. When he saw the officers, he turned onto the park road; and a traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle. During the stop, he was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol (a breath sample provided indicated a BAC of .214%) and driving while license revoked. The man was transported and lodged at the Dewitt County Jail.

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

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Wright found a subject that was wanted on a warrant out of Pike County. Also, the subject did not have a fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. In a separate incidence, CPO Wright issued several warnings and citations for possession of short crappie.

CPO Reeves was called to a serious personal injury boat accident on Lake Decatur. Upon arrival, it was learned that three passengers on the watercraft were transported to the hospital, two with serious injuries. It was also learned that the female operator was suspected of operating the watercraft under the influence of drugs and alcohol. She was arrested on scene for OUI and reckless operation of a watercraft. The female was transported to and lodged at the Macon County Jail.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden is assigned to the IDNR Academy.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Miller and CPO Reeves investigated a case regarding criminal damage to state supported property/arson of a privy at Kickapoo State Recreation Area. The privy was a complete loss, and the investigation is ongoing.

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

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man one citation for not having enough life jackets on board his boat for the number of passengers. In a separate incidence, CPO Mieure issued Charleston man three written warnings for boat equipment violations.

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Charleston man at Fox Ridge State Park for fishing without a license.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop on an Indiana resident. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

CPO Greuel cited a Neoga man at Lake Paradise for civil cannabis and fishing without a valid fishing license.

While checking fishermen at Lake Paradise, CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for possession of cannabis. He also wrote various citations and warnings to other fishermen for fishing violations.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued two citations to a man and woman at Lake Mattoon for fishing without licenses.

CPO Mieure issued a Chicago man three written warnings for boat equipment violations.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop on a Cumberland County resident. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Westville man three written warnings for boat equipment violations, improper display of registration, and expired decal.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody encountered a group of men from Arcola who were using a cast net to catch game fish (crappie). The fish were returned to Lake Shelbyville, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishermen on the Kaskaskia River, CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for possession of cannabis.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for possession of cannabis.

CPO Barnes handled a trespassing complaint involving two subjects that were mushroom hunting without permission of the landowner. Both subjects were issued written warnings and told not to return to the property.

CPO Greuel cited a Neoga man at Hidden Spring State Forest for public indecency.

CPO Greuel administered the Region 3 spring firearms training and qualification, and he assisted the Region 4 firearm instructors with the spring firearms training and qualification.

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

CPO Gushleff conducted a boat safety check and found that there were two children and an adult on the boat. One child, who was under 13 years of age, was not wearing a life jacket as required by law. His father, the operator of the vessel, was cited for the PFD violation.

CPOT Olroyd, along with CPOs Lentz and Goetten, arrested a subject at Lake Lou Yeager for OUI. The subject had a BAC of .086%.

CPOT Olroyd and CPO Goetten arrested a subject on an arrest warrant for DUI.

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

CPO Williams assisted the Franklin County Sheriff's Department at the scene of a one car rollover accident.

CPO Williams attended sonar operator refresher training on Clinton Lake.

CPO Haggerty issued a written warning for sport fishing without a valid fishing license.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Williams investigated a complaint of a subject trespassing and stealing cedar trees from a landowner. After consulting with the State's Attorney, a felony theft charge was filed.

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

CPOT Wilkinson and CPO Williams are investigating damage that occurred at Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Smith and CPOT Buchanan patrolled Lake Sara by boat. They issued one citation to a boat operator for towing a skier with no observer. They issued another citation to a boat operator who was allowing a passenger to ride on the bow while the boat was underway. Thirteen warnings were issued for various other boating violations.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol at Ramsey Lake State Park, CPO Roper encountered a suspended driver operating a vehicle. The subject was also transporting two children that were not secured in car seats. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

JASPER COUNTY

While on a boat patrol at Newton Lake, Sgt. Hyatt and CPO Roper encountered a family fishing off the docks. As the officers approached, the adult male subject left the area and sat in his vehicle. A short time later the CPOs returned to

the dock and observed the adult male fishing. A check of the subject revealed he was a registered, criminal, sexual predator. The subject was arrested for being in the park unlawfully, and he was transported to the Jasper County Jail.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPOT Spinka patrolled multiple lakes, and they issued a citation to a boater for operating an unnumbered watercraft. Another subject was cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Smith and CPOT Buchanan conducted a boat patrol on Forbes Lake. They issued one citation to a boater for not having enough wearable life jackets. They also issued 12 written warnings for other various boating equipment violations.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Taylor and CPOT Buchanan investigated a complaint of a subject taking a Canada goose gosling from its mother. A video was sent to the officers showing the subject kicking the mother and taking the gosling. The subject still had the gosling when the officers made contact with him, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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 Vasicek and CPOT Wolf arrested an impaired watercraft operator for OUI on Kinkaid Lake. The subject failed field sobriety testing and subsequently tested above .08% BAC.

CPO Somers is investigating an unlawful timber cut that occurred on IDNR property.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

The Perry County Sheriff's Office requested CPO Lewis' assistance with a suspicious person complaint at Pyramid State Recreation Area. The person was walking down the road in his underwear and jumping into the brush as cars drove by. The subject advised he had lost his truck in a nearby lake. He explained that he was on the lake's boat launch when he intended to back up onto the highway. He put the truck into in drive instead of reverse and drove the truck straight into the lake. He was able to get out of the truck and swim back to the ramp. In the process, he somehow lost his

pants. CPO Lewis contacted the Franklin County Dive Team because the vehicle was completely submerged. The dive team found the truck approximately 500 feet from the ramp.

CPO Lewis charged a Perry County hunter for taking a deer without a valid permit. The hunter shot a 12-point buck during the 2018 firearm season. The man stated that there were no either-sex permits available when he went to buy a permit, but he did get a doe tag. He shot the buck because it was too hard to resist. The 12-point rack was seized for evidence purposes.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers arrested a subject for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of a combination of alcohol and intoxicating compounds.