



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 October 1 – 15, 2019)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri investigated a hunter with a possible fictitious hunter safety number. The hunter admitted to not taking the course, and the number was entered from his online account. The hunter was issued a citation for the violation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin cited a Michigan man for not having his deer permits in possession while hunting.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin cited a Hanover man for transportation of an uncased firearm on an ATV.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPOT McKune wrote 12 warnings, six citations, one DUI, made one arrest for driving while license suspended, and one arrest for felony theft of a watercraft. CPOT McKune also attended a local QDMA event for youth deer hunters and gave a presentation regarding the duties of a CPO.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo investigated the report of an over-limit of Canada geese, and the report was unfounded.

While conducting hunting enforcement on state sites, CPO Beltran checked several deer hunters. Several infractions were found, and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Beltran conducted a boat patrol on the Rock River. He conducted a fishing compliance check on the fishermen of one vessel, and they did not have any licenses on board. Citations were issued.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO McKune and CPO Francisko investigated a report of a goose taxidermy mount being offered for sale at a re-sale shop in Moline. In most cases it is illegal to sell any parts of migratory waterfowl. The officers located the mount in question. The store owners were cooperative with the investigation, as well as the lady who brought the mount to the resale shop to sell. It was determined that there was no intent to break federal/state law, and the people involved were not hunters or familiar with hunting laws. The goose mount was something left at a house from a previous occupant. The owner retook possession of the mount, and written warnings were issued.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino assisted CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin with a watercraft registration and title investigation. Charges for the unlawful sale of this boat to multiple owners are pending.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino conducted a boat patrol. Several boats were inspected, and the following violations were found: unlawful operation of motorboat without a lanyard, insufficient PFDs, unlawful operation of watercraft without a certificate of number, unlawful operation of a watercraft without batteries fastened to hull and shielded, and unlawful operation of a motorboat without a horn or whistle. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner received a TIP report of individual hunting who was known to be revoked from purchasing licenses and permits due to child support issues. He proceeded to the location in question and found the individual in a tree stand with a loaded crossbow. The individual was cited for hunting without deer permits, hunting license, and habitat stamp. The subject was also cited for transporting an uncased crossbow on an ATV and possession of cannabis, not more than 10 grams. Another individual hunting the property received citation for transporting an uncased crossbow on an ATV.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Kaufman stopped several vehicles going 20 mph over the posted speed limit. Citations were issued.

While conducting fishing enforcement, CPO Kaufman asked a fisherman for his fishing license; and the man produced a fishing license. Further investigation revealed that it was his son's fishing license. The fisherman's fishing privileges had been revoked due to child support issues, and the man was issued a citation.

After receiving a call about a buck being shot a Mitchells Grove Hunting Area, CPO Wagner proceeded to the area to investigate. During the month of October only antlerless deer can be harvested at Mitchells Grove. He was able to locate the individual, and the subject admitted to harvesting the buck. It was also discovered that the permit used to tag the deer was purchased after the fact. Appropriate citations were issued, and the nine-point buck was seized.

CPO Murry stopped a vehicle for driving 85 mph in a 55-mph zone. The 16-year-old driver was also arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor and zero tolerance.

CPO Murry and CPOT Leannah cited multiple individuals for entering LaSalle Lake after the site was closed for the day.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino investigated a complaint involving a Rockton residence attempting to sell a black bear fur/hide in the green state using social media. The complaint was validated, and the violation for unlawful sale or offer to sell black bear fur/hide was addressed.

While conducting a boat patrol on Pierce Lake, CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino came upon a 14-foot open motorboat with expired watercraft registration. The boat safety inspection revealed the front seat passenger was fishing without a fishing license and possessing/consuming alcoholic beverage in a state park where posted prohibited. The boat operator was found to be in violation of operation of an unnumbered watercraft, no PFDs aboard, no sounding device aboard, and not having the battery covered or secured to hull as required. In a separate incidence, they observed a boat violating the No Wake Zone, and a boat safety inspection was completed. They found the following violations: no lanyard cut-off tether attached to his person as required during operation, only one wearable PFD (the others were torn and not in serviceable condition), and the registration on the bow was not three inches as required for legal display. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. A third boat safety inspection was conducted, and the following violations were found: no serviceable fire extinguisher, no Type IV throwable PFD, failure to attach the lanyard cut-off during motorboat operation, and battery terminals were not shielded as required. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. After observing another boat violate the No Wake Zone, a safety inspection was conducted. The following violations were found: unlawful operation of motorboat without a lanyard cut-off attached when required and insufficient wearable PFDs. Another boat safety inspection revealed that the operator did not have the lanyard cut-off tether attached to his person as required for motorboat operation, the three-inch registration numbers were not displayed as required, and one of the batteries was not secured to the hull as required. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino came upon three subjects fishing without fishing licenses; and one subject was found in possession of an undersized sauger. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and the fish was successfully returned to the river.

CPO Alt and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino inspected motorboats coming off Lake Summerset. Several violations for unlawful operation of watercraft without a lanyard cut-off attached, operation of motorboat without certificate of number, insufficient PFDs, and failure to secure/shield the battery were found. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Murry and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino cited an individual at Baumann Lake for unlawful taking of sport fish with a cast net.

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

CPOT McCarter attended a career day event at Abingdon-Avon High School and spoke with a group of high school students interested in pursuing a career as a CPO.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted boat safety and fishing compliance checks along the Illinois River. A Galesburg man was issued a citation for failure to transfer a boat registration, and three written warnings were issued for additional boating and fishing violations.

CPO Lazzell is investigating the unlawful harvest/removal of multiple trees along the Rock Island Trail.

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.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

While patrolling Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Winters and CPOT Iaffaldano observed a vehicle traveling at 44 mph in a 30-mph zone; and a traffic stop was initiated. While CPO Winters was speaking to the driver, he smelled the odor of burnt cannabis coming from inside the vehicle. He asked the driver how much cannabis he had; and the driver replied, "none, we smoked it all." The subject was arrested for DUI.

CPO Kelley found two individuals to be in possession of undersized largemouth bass at Grayslake. The minimum length limit is 15 inches. Citations were issued.

CPOs Reid and Semenik arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for driving on a suspended license.

CPOs Reid and Semenik arrested three subjects at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

CPO Reid cited a subject fishing at Waukegan Harbor for failure to immediately release an undersized smallmouth bass. The fish was 19 inches, and that body of water has a 21-inch minimum length limit.

CPO Reid conducted a boat accident investigation involving two individuals that had to be rescued from Lake Michigan by a Coast Guard helicopter after they fell from their jet ski.

CPO Reid is conducting a death investigation involving an apparent suicide at the Chain O'Lakes State Park.

CPO Reid conducted multiple details at Waukegan Harbor after receiving complaints of illegal snagging. Numerous citations were issued for unlawfully snagging salmon in restricted areas.

MCHENRY COUNTY

Sgt. Schreiber cited a subject fishing along the Fox River at the Stratton Lock and Dam for illegal take of sport fish with a cast net. The subject was found to be in possession of eight very small bluegill and one white crappie in a five-gallon bucket. It was determined that he had used a cast net and was unaware that you could not keep the fish.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a Harvard subject for purchasing an Illinois resident hunting license in 2018 while he still lived in Wisconsin.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Bergland attended a hunter safety education class held at the Grundy County Sheriff's Department.

CPO M. Anderson attended a hunter safety education class held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Morris.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber located a bowhunter sitting in a tree stand hunting over apples, a salt block, and grain. The violator was issued one citation and a written warning.

CPO Farber issued a citation to a Chicago man for transporting an uncased/loaded .22 caliber rifle in his motor vehicle.

CPO Farber received a complaint regarding a subject who was hunting with a crossbow from a motor vehicle. CPO Farber located the vehicle and spoke with the driver. He observed an uncased/loaded crossbow sitting in the passenger seat of the violator's truck. The poacher admitted that he attempted to take a white-tailed doe from the roadway while sitting in his truck. The doe was found in Hooper Branch Savanna Nature Preserve. The violator was charged with hunting by the use/aid of motor vehicle, hunting from the roadway, unlawful transport of uncased/loaded crossbow in a motor vehicle, hunting without permission, and hunting without a valid archery deer permit.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland received information that a subject killed a deer in a restricted area at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area. The next day he located the subject hunting at the site, and the subject showed the CPO where he had shot the deer. One citation was issued.

WILL COUNTY

While on patrol, CPOT Prasun came across a vehicle parked alongside a rock road with its lights off and engine running. It was directly in front of a grass driveway entrance to an undeveloped Will County Forest Preserve. The driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol and DUI.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPOTs Gates and Prasun responded to the Skokie lagoons to assist Cook County Forest Preserve staff with a white-tailed deer that was entangled in a rope and wrapped around a tree. After consulting with their biologist, it was determined that the deer should be dispatched.

While conducting fishing compliance checks at a two-pole limit lake, CPOTs Gates and Prasun came across a subject actively fishing with three poles. Enforcement action was taken, and the subject was educated on the site-specific laws.

CPOTs Gates and Prasun responded by boat to a call for service in reference to a body that was found floating in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The unidentified subject was located, and the case is currently under investigation by the Illinois State Police Investigations Division.

While conducting a boat patrol of the Chicago River, CPOTs Gates and Prasun performed a boat safety check on a vessel; and the following violations were found: no engine cut-off switch lanyard, no battery cover, and no Type IV throwable PFD. Enforcement action was taken, and the operator was educated on boating safety laws. In a separate incidence, CPOTs Gates and Prasun observed a small dog swimming in the middle of the river. CPOT Gates maneuvered the patrol boat over to the dog and was able to get the dog on board. After an unsuccessful attempt to locate the owner in the area, the officers transported the dog to the Chicago Animal Care and Control where she was transferred into the care of awaiting staff.

CPOTs Gates and Prasun responded to a two-vessel boat accident at a Lake Michigan harbor. The accident is currently under investigation.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPOTs Gates and Prasun came across three different fishermen who had been fishing without a sport fishing license. Enforcement action was taken, and the fishermen were educated on the licensing laws. In a separate incidence, CPOTs Gates and Prasun checked a subject that did not have a fishing license; and he refused to provide his name or required documents. He was arrested for obstructing an officer, and he was cited for fishing without a sport fishing license. The man was transported to the Chicago Police Department where he was subsequently processed and released with a mandatory court date.

CPOTs Gates and Prasun conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was passing stopped traffic by driving on the shoulder of I-55 in Chicago. The driver was cited for driving on the shoulder.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement along Lake Michigan, and no violations observed.

While conducting sport fish enforcement at a Chicago harbor, CPOT Kusta drove past a fisherman that was snagging out of season. When the fisherman saw the CPOT drive past him, he immediately packed his poles and ran. The fisherman ran across a busy road and onto a golf course. CPOT Kusta was not able to catch up to the violator, but he did locate the fisherman's rod and reel and jacket on the golf course where the man had jumped the fence. The abandoned property was recovered. In a separate incidence, CPOT Kusta checked a fisherman and determined his fishing privileges were

suspended; and the valid fishing license that he had in his possession was obtained fraudulently. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Klemme, CPOT Kusta, and Sgt. Mooi conducted a snagging detail at the Chicago harbors. CPOT Kusta observed an individual walking up and down the shoreline with a snag hook on his line thirty minutes before snagging season started. The individual was wearing a head lamp and looking in the water. CPOT Kusta contacted the individual and educated him on laws regarding snagging. A second individual was cited for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft and being in possession of a snag pole or line where prohibited.

CPOT Kusta completed a report regarding an arrest and inventoried the evidence at the region evidence facility. He is also investigating two boat accidents.

CPOT Kusta responded to an animal hospital for a report of an ornate box turtle being dropped off there. The ornate box turtle is threatened species in Illinois. He took possession of the turtle and arranged to get it to a suitable facility.

CPOT Kusta gave a presentation at a hunter safety education course at Moose Lodge 828, and he answered questions from the participants.

CPOT Kusta conducted wildlife enforcement, and no violations were observed. He also conducted sport fish enforcement, and no violations were observed.

CPOT Kusta responded to a complaint at a Chicago harbor regarding fishermen fishing without permission. One fisherman was found in the prohibited area and unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Doescher responded to a state park for a report of domestic battery with minor injuries. The investigation is ongoing, and charges are pending.

CPOT Doescher and Sgt. Mooi completed a snagging detail at Chicago harbors. Several warnings were issued, and fishermen were educated on snagging laws.

CPOTs Kusta and Doescher, along with Sgt. Mooi, responded to a traffic accident. A Chicago woman was charged with DUI, driving on a suspended license, failure to reduce speed, and resisting a peace officer.

CPOT Doescher and Sgt. Schreiber completed snagging details at Chicago harbors and Waukegan Harbor. One fisherman was cited for snagging in a prohibited area.

While conducting fishing enforcement at a Lake Michigan harbor, CPOT Prasun came across two different fishermen who had been fishing without a sport fishing license. Enforcement action was taken, and the fishermen were educated on the licensing laws.

CPOT Kusta participated in firearms training.

CPOTs Kusta and Gates patrolled Cook County Forest Preserve property that is known for hunting activity. No violations observed.

CPOT Kusta followed up on a complaint regarding squirrel trapping. He checked with the company that was trapping the squirrels and confirmed they were licensed. He gave the complainant the phone number of the company to report when a squirrel has been trapped. CPOT Kusta also educated the complainant on nuisance trapping laws.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPOT Kusta found one fisherman without a salmon stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPOTs Kusta and Gates followed-up on an anonymous complaint regarding wildlife being fed in a neighborhood. They contacted the individual who was feeding the wildlife and explained why the food cannot be made available to deer.

Central Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis and Captain Jed Whitchurch

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Wheatley investigated a deer he found lying outside a Quincy woman’s residence. The meat from the buck had been harvested, and the carcass was partially in a trash bag. He interviewed the woman, and he asked to see the necessary permits and licenses required for taking the deer. It was discovered that she tagged the buck with an antlerless only permit and called it in as a doe. It was also discovered that she was hunting without a habitat stamp. The state park where the deer was taken requires that bucks have at least four points on one side, and this deer did not. Citations and written warnings were issued for the infractions.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

CPOT Olroyd is investigating potential deer hunting violations.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff and CPOT Olroyd investigated a ginseng complaint. A landowner reported that his trail camera took pictures of a subject digging ginseng on his property. The subject was identified and interviewed. He admitted to harvesting the ginseng. The same subject was also caught on another property by a Macoupin County Sheriff’s deputy. The deputy confiscated the ginseng and gave it back to the landowner. CPOT Olroyd cited the subject for harvesting ginseng on land without permission. It was learned the next day that the subject bought his ginseng harvester license the day after he was caught on the trail camera. CPO Gushleff went back to the subject’s residence and issued a citation for harvesting ginseng without a license.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPOT Wahlbrink inspected a watercraft with three occupants on board at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. One citation and four written warnings were issued for the five violations found.

CPOT Wahlbrink performed compliance checks on ten archery deer hunters. One written warning was issued to a hunter who had left his deer permit in his vehicle.

CPO Thornley and CPOT Roesch conducted deer enforcement. The officers conducted a compliance check of a hunter at his vehicle. The hunter said that he had harvested a doe. CPO Thornley requested to see the hunter's license and permits, and the hunter complied. It was determined that the harvested deer had not been tagged in the field immediately upon kill. The hunter stated he did not have his tag with him in the field to tag the deer. A citation was issued for failure to tag, and a written warning was given for not having permits on his person in the field.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

While conducting deer hunting enforcement, CPO Wright and CPOT Roesch checked an archery hunter. The archery hunter was found to be in possession of a .357 revolver. He had a valid FOID but did not have a concealed carry permit. The hunter was educated on the laws of carrying firearms while archery hunting, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MASON COUNTY

CPOT Wahlbrink accepted an invitation from a retired CPO to attend a church sanctioned event to promote conservation. Over 100 people attended the event.

MENARD COUNTY

Local CPOs and other IDNR Law Enforcement staff assisted with the Candlelight Walk held at Lincoln's New Salem State Historical Site. The three-day event attracted people from all over the state to explore the historic village which was illuminated only by candlelight.

CPO Thornley attended Ag Day at the Menard County Fairgrounds. He spoke with approximately 170 fifth grade students about hunter education and safety.

CPO Thornley and CPOT Roesch conducted deer enforcement.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPOT Wahlbrink and CPO Wichern performed a boat safety inspection on boat with three passengers on board who had been fishing on the Illinois River. After a short interview, one fisherman admitted catching bluegill with a cast net and using the fish for bait. A citation was issued for taking the bluegill with an unlawful device, and three written warnings were issued for boat safety equipment violations.

While conducting a boat patrol in the Meredosia Refuge, CPOT Wahlbrink and CPO Wichern discovered a string tied to a tree, and the string led out into the water. The string was tied approximately seven feet above the water line, creating

a hazard for people recreating on the water. Further investigation revealed the string was part of a trotline consisting of numerous bare hooks anchored in the water. CPOT Wahlbrink seized the trotline and placed it into evidence.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Wright checked an archery hunter at Sangchris Lake State Park and found that the man did not have his deer permits or hunting license in his possession. A check of the POS system revealed that he did have archery permits and a hunting license. The hunter was issued a written warning.

CPOTs Wahlbrink and Roesch responded to a complaint involving hunting without permission. Upon arrival, the officers identified an unoccupied truck parked off the roadway that matched the caller's description. They noticed the truck had two compound bow cases in the bed. Minutes later, two individuals dressed in camouflage and holding compound bows, came walking out of the timber on the adjacent side of the road. The hunters complied with a request to lead the officers back to the stands they were hunting from. It was determined that the hunters were on property they had permission to hunt. Compliance checks were performed, and no violations were discovered.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds (Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to a Clark County resident.

CPO Wellum completed six timber truck inspections, and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Wellum responded to a call involving a sick deer. Upon arrival, he found the deer to be displaying signs of EHD. He contacted the IDNR biologist for the area, and he arrived a short time later. CPO Wellum dispatched the deer and assisted with taking samples from the deer to be sent in for EHD testing.

CPO Wellum attended a hunter safety education course.

CPO Wellum received a request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office to assist in the search for a lost 66-year-old hunter from Florida who also had dementia. Sgt. McReynolds arrived and took over as incident command at the request of the Clark County Sheriff. CPOs from Districts 11, 15, and 19 assisted in the search, as well as many other state and county agencies. On day three of the search, information came in from a hunter who was in Canada. That hunter had been reviewing his trail camera photos from his deer lease property in Clark County when he saw pictures of what he believed to be of the missing hunter. CPO Barnes responded to investigate and located the lost hunter. The man was taken to the hospital and treated for dehydration, and he was released the next day.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Wellum conducted a timber truck inspection, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston woman one citation for fishing without a license.

CPO Mieure is conducting background investigations.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt attempted to contact the owner of a camper that had been abandoned at Walnut Point State Park. He assisted park staff in the removal and inventory of the camper.

CPOT Hyatt investigated two separate cases of possible EHD along Brushy Creek. Salvage tags were issued for both bucks.

CPOT Hyatt received a call about a resident in Tuscola trapping and poisoning squirrels. The investigation revealed that the resident had a nuisance permit, and no poison of any kind could be found on the property.

CPO Greuel cited a Charleston man and woman in Walnut Point State Park for unlawful harvest of ginseng without a valid license and the unlawful harvest of ginseng in a state park. The subjects were also issued writing warnings after admitting to harvesting ginseng on nearby private property without permission of the landowner.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt received a call from a local farmer regarding a possible baited area near his field. A search of the area revealed a baited site, and the investigation is ongoing.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPOs Greuel, Reeves, Viverito, and Wellum administered defensive tactics scenario training to District 11 and 19 CPOs. The training took place at Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Moody conducted a detail on the Kaskaskia River, and he issued citations and warnings for fishing and boating related violations.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPOT Miller issued a Champaign County man a written warning for violating a restricted archery zone's "bucks only" rule.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson conducted a series of fishing compliance checks at Clinton Lake. He issued two written warnings for no fishing license.

CPOT G. Anderson conducted hunter compliance checks and assisted two hunters in the field with tracking a deer at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. No violations were found. In a separate incidence, he responded to a fire on state property at Clinton Lake. The fire had been extinguished by the Farmer City Fire Department by the time he arrived, and the incident is pending investigation.

CPOT G. Anderson responded to a report of a missing jet ski and its passengers at Clinton Lake. When he arrived, two individuals said they were missing family members that were on a jet ski. It was thought that they were somewhere in the middle of the Lake. Approximately five minutes later, the jet ski and family members arrived at the Clinton Lake Marina with the assistance from another boater. No damage or injury was reported.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson conducted multiple hunter compliance checks on private land, and no violations were found.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson assisted CPO Ausmus at a conservation day event. All Livingston County school districts were represented at this event. The officers answered many questions from the students, and the students toured the education trailer.

MACON COUNTY

CPOT Miller taught a trapper education class at the annual Illinois Trappers Association Convention.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPOTs Workman and G. Anderson, along with CPOs Reeves and Viverito, assisted outside agencies with a standoff involving a suspect that was wanted for questioning in a kidnapping case. The standoff lasted approximately four hours, and the suspect was eventually arrested.

CPOT G. Anderson conducted hunter compliance checks and assisted two hunters in the field with tracking a deer at Moraine View State Recreation Area. No violations were found.

CPOT G. Anderson assisted CPO Viverito at the Career Fair at Illinois State University.

CPOT G. Anderson conducted a falconry inspection.

CPOT G. Anderson and CPOs Reeves and Viverito assisted the Illinois State Police with a felony stop.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Miller issued a Champaign County man a notice to appear in court for driving while license suspended. He also issued the man written warnings for not having a windshield card while hunting on public land and no habitat stamp.

While conducting speed radar enforcement on state sites, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling 25 mph over the posted speed limit. He conducted a traffic stop and issued the driver a citation for the speed violation.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle parked along a roadway. While speaking with the driver, he observed purported cannabis in the front passenger seat. The cannabis was seized as contraband, and the individual was issued a civil citation for unlawful possession of cannabis.

South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

While conducting fishing compliance at Governor Bond Lake, CPO Lentz issued citations to two male subjects for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

CLINTON COUNTY

While conducting deer hunting compliance checks, CPO Macias conducted a compliance check on a hunter as he walked out of the timber. Several field points were discovered in his quiver. He asked the hunter if he was using them for hunting deer, and the subject said, yes. The hunter was new to the sport, and CPO Macias educated the young man on the fact that only broadheads were to be used for hunting deer. A written warning was issued to the new hunter.

MADISON COUNTY

While conducting fishing compliance at Horseshoe Lake State Park, CPO Lentz cited two subjects for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

CPOT Roundcount and CPO Goetten conducted an interview with an Alton resident suspected of trespassing to harvest ginseng in Piatt County, and he admitted to the offense. He was cited for trespassing and harvesting ginseng without a license. The ginseng was seized.

MONROE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Schachner and CPOT Roundcount encountered a vehicle without its lights on; and the vehicle was parked in the roadway. An investigative stop was conducted, and subsequent field sobriety testing revealed the lone subject in the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol. He recorded a BAC of .249% (over 3 times the legal limit). He received multiple citations and was taken to Monroe County Jail.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued a subject a civil citation for possession of cannabis, less than 2.5 grams.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed an investigation regarding a person that was camping at Randolph County Lake State Recreation Area and left without paying the owed camping fees. The subject admitted that they had been arrested and taken to the Randolph County Jail while the camper remained at the park. The subject did not want to pay for the nights that the camper occupied the site. The subject towed the camper back home and did not pay the owed camping fees. A citation was issued for not paying the owed camping fees.

CPO Vasicek spoke to a group of approximately 180 young people at the Delta Waterfowl Youth Event at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. He challenged the attendees to be kind and respectful to their classmates and represent outdoor enthusiasts in a positive manner. The discussion was followed by a question and answer session.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPOT Gerdes responded to a report of an armed robbery at Frank Holten State Recreation Area. The investigation is ongoing.

CPOT Gerdes investigated a report of the possible poaching of two deer. The deer were examined, and it was found that both deer were dispatched after being struck by vehicles.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a call from a subject wishing to trap weasels during closed season. The subject complained that his outdoor cat had killed a weasel. The subject wanted to trap the remaining weasels and "relocate" them so his cat would not kill them. During the lengthy conversation, the subject was warned multiple times not to place any traps

out of season and to immediately remove any traps which he may have already placed. Several weeks later, CPO Schachner and CPOT Roundcount were in the area and drove past the property. CPO Schachner observed two set traps. The violator was contacted, and a third set trap was located on his property. The violator was issued a citation for trapping furbearers during closed season.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline & White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Jourdan investigated a hunting accident that occurred on US Army Corps of Engineers property. A 64-year-old man lost consciousness in his tree stand, causing him to fall to the ground. The man sustained multiple fractures and was airlifted to a hospital in Evansville, Indiana. The man reported a history of seizures which may have caused the blackout and fall.

CPO Z. Williams assisted with the Paralyzed Veterans of America Fishing Tournament held at Rend Lake.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson served as an instructor for a section of a hunter safety education course that was held at the Hardin County High School.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan investigated the dumping of several bags of household trash. A suspect was identified, but she denied dumping the trash. She volunteered to clean up the site, and the trash bags were removed.

CPO Haggerty received a complaint of a vehicle parked in a restricted area at state site. Later that day, she located the subject who was scouting for deer. The subject was informed that he was not authorized to enter the restricted area for any reason, and a citation was issued.

POPE COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson conducted four fishing compliance checks and two watercraft safety inspections. One citation was issued for having no PFDs on the watercraft.

While conducting a boat patrol on the Ohio River, CPOT Wilkinson and CPO Knop discovered commercial fishing devices. An inspection was completed, and a commercial fishing device was unlawfully placed in a tributary of the Ohio River. A written warning was issued to the commercial fisherman.

CPOT Wilkinson and CPOs Haggerty and Z. Williams assisted the IDNR's heavy equipment crew at the Golconda Marina. The heavy equipment crew is in the process of dredging the marina. The officers used side scan sonar to locate possible obstructions for the dredge crew and provided them with the reference data to assist in the project.

SALINE COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson conducted three fishing compliance checks at Glen O Jones Lake. A written warning was issued to a fisherman for no fishing license in possession.

When coming back from checking several baited areas, CPO Knop encountered a father and son at their vehicle. They had just finished deer hunting. After checking their permits and licenses, he inquired about the tub of deer mineral in the back of their truck. The father said he had not yet put the mineral in their hunting area but had placed another supplement on the ridge line. The father believed it to be okay as long as he was not hunting over it. CPO Knop informed the hunters that even though they were not hunting over it, any sort of ingestible supplementation for deer was illegal. A written warning was issued to the father.

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

While on patrol, CPOT Willand initiated a traffic stop on a semi hauling a trailer containing freshly cut logs. It was discovered that the driver of the vehicle did not have the proof of ownership properly completed, and a written warning was issued.

While investigating a ginseng complaint, CPO Taylor came across a subject who admitted to digging ginseng on a previous date. The subject stated he had a ginseng license and handed the license to him. What the subject did not realize was that the date of purchase was two days after the date he had dug the ginseng. The subject was issued a citation for harvesting ginseng without license.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPOT Skelton taught a hunter safety education course in Teutopolis.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper received information about ginseng poaching at various locations. After interviewing two subjects at the Fayette County Jail, it was determined that one of the individuals had been unlawfully digging ginseng without a license. That individual was issued a citation.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPOT Willand assisted CPO Taylor with a case involving the possible unlawful cutting of timber, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Taylor was parked on a dead-end roadway, and he observed a vehicle approaching. Approximately 100 yards away, the male driver got out of the vehicle and walked to passenger side. A female got into the driver's seat and continued toward CPO Taylor. When asked about their activity, they said they were going fishing. He asked the male passenger if he was a revoked driver, and he said, no – his license had expired. CPO Taylor observed a beer can at the

passenger's feet. A check of the male's information showed that his driver license was expired. The subject was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol and was told to renew his license before driving again.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

CPOT Skelton patrolled the Wabash River and checked several fishermen and hunters. No violations were found.

CPO Taylor received a complaint from the site superintendent at Beal Woods State Park that two men were digging ginseng at the Park. He contacted the two subjects, and each subject was issued two citations each for trespass to harvest ginseng and destruction of vegetation in a nature preserve.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor
(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPOT Spinka is investigating the death of multiple alligator snapping turtles. He is being assisted by representatives from the University of Illinois and Scott Ballard.

CPOT Spinka spoke to a group of children from Egyptian Grade School about the responsibilities of a CPO.

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas responded to a call, along with deputies from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, regarding a subject shooting his neighbor's domestic turkey. The subject observed the turkey walking down a field edge and shot it with a shotgun. The subject believed that it was a wild turkey. The owner of the turkey confronted the shooter which led to a physical altercation between the two. No charges have been filed, and the case has been referred to the Johnson County State's Attorney.

CPO Tapley received a call from a landowner regarding people being on her property to track a wounded deer. The deer was never found, and the hunter was issued a citation for hunting without permission.

CPOT Wolf cited an individual for hunting without permission.

CPO Johnson investigated a case involving subjects who painted phallic art on the Tunnel Hill Trail tunnel. He was able to find evidence that linked a subject to the incident. The subject was interviewed, and a Class A misdemeanor citation was issued for defacing government property. Another subject was also cited for the graffiti.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPOT Wolf arrested two men for shooting a deer with a rifle. Both men were issued multiple citations.

CPOT Wolf assisted the Illinois State Police with locating a man who fled from a traffic stop after wrecking his vehicle.

CPOT Wolf issued two written warnings for speeding in Fort Massac State Park.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis attended the 2019 Conservation Fair held at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds where he gave presentations about boating safety to elementary school students. The fair is organized by local county soil and water conservation districts. Nearly 2,000 students attended the two-day event.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPOs Vasicek and Haggerty attended the NWTF Trail of Tears Chapter "JAKES" event. The CPOs gave a presentation to the young men and women about outdoor safety, ethics, and respect for each other.

CPO Vasicek and CPOT Spinka attended a Ducks Unlimited "Greenwing" event hosted by Grassy Lake Hunt Club. This event was designed to promote outdoor safety and understanding of waterfowl regulations, management, and skill building for youthful hunters. The officers addressed the group and discussed safety and respect as they pertain to the outdoors.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Teas attended the annual Hunting and Fishing Days at John A. Logan College.