



# 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 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**

CPOs Palumbo and Hoftender, along with CPOT Kiprono, conducted a waterfowl enforcement detail. Several boat blinds were checked, and multiple citations and written warnings were issued for waterfowl and boating violations. Two federal referrals were also submitted to US Fish and Wildlife Refuge officers for two Chicago area bass fishermen being in a restricted waterfowl refuge in their bass boat.

CPOTs Peecher and Martin, along with CPO Hoftender, assisted the Carroll County Sheriff's Department in locating a submerged vehicle at Miller's Hollow boat launch.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

While patrolling Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area, CPO Posateri was notified by site staff of a camper who stayed an extra night without paying. She attempted to contact the camper at the campsite; however, he had already packed up and left. She was unable to reach the man by phone. A letter will be sent to the camper to notify him of the violation. If the fee is not paid, charges may be filed for theft of services.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin cited two men for not having a wearable PFD in their kayaks while fishing at Hanover Bluff.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin issued a citation to a Rockford man for the use of an unplugged shotgun while hunting squirrels at a state site.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPOT McKune wrote two citations, five warnings, issued one nuisance permit, made one arrest for driving while license revoked, and completed a boat inspection for registration application. He also checked three waterfowl hunters.

CPOT McKune gave a presentation at a hunter safety education class at Mercer County High School.

CPOT McKune and CPO Francisko received a complaint of criminal trespassing, trail camera theft, and an illegally taken deer. The investigation is ongoing.

**OGLE COUNTY**

CPOT Peecher taught a hunter safety education course in Rochelle.

While conducting deer hunting enforcement, CPO Beltran found several infractions; and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

CPOT McKune wrote one citation and one warning while conducting sport fishing enforcement.

**STEPHENSON COUNTY**

CPO Beltran participated in a public safety event at German Valley Grade School. The children and teachers shared natural resource information.

CPO Alt forwarded a rifle to Springfield for final disposition upon conclusion of a court proceeding involving the unlawful taking of a Canada goose during the closed season with an unlawful device from a highway right-of-way and from a motor vehicle.

**WHITESIDE COUNTY**

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Peecher conducted waterfowl enforcement. No violations were discovered.

CPO Palumbo is conducting background investigations on possible new recruits.

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

**BOONE COUNTY**

CPO Alt forwarded two shotguns to Springfield for final disposition at the conclusion of a court proceeding involving two men who were charged with unlawful hunting on lands without permission, unlawful hunting deer with dogs, insufficient blaze orange clothing, unlawful hunting deer with unplugged shotguns, unlawful hunting deer with buckshot, and unlawful hunting deer without firearm deer permits.

**BUREAU COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**DEKALB COUNTY**

CPO Murry conducted a vehicle stop for speeding – 86 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver was found to be in possession of liquor, cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and cocaine. Charges are pending.

**LASALLE COUNTY**

CPO Murry received a disposition in a case involving 48 violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code and snowmobile code. All eight violators were either found guilty or pled guilty to resistance to a police officer/fleeing, as well as with multiple charges. A total of \$5,817.50 in fines were ordered to be paid, 400 hours of community service ordered to be completed, and one individual served two months in jail with a work released privilege.

While on patrol near Buffalo Rock State Park, CPO Filipiak observed a vehicle traveling 85 mph in a 55-mph zone. The vehicle swerved into oncoming traffic, just missing another vehicle. The vehicle was stopped, and the female driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

A citation was issued to a hiker after he was found to be in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. When the hiker spotted CPO Stanbary on the trail, he tried hiding the open beer in his coat pocket. The group was escorted back to their vehicle to obtain the offender's identification. While at the vehicle, the CPO noticed two empty cans on the ground that were the same brand of beer. When questioned, a second hiker acknowledged that he had thrown the empty cans on the ground. A second citation was issued to the hiker for littering in a state park.

CPO Stanbary stopped a vehicle on Route 18 after he observed it traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver, who was traveling 78 mph in a posted 55-mph zone, was also found to have a suspended driver's license. The motorist was issued two traffic citations, and the vehicle was towed. The driver has a mandatory court appearance pending in LaSalle County.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman at Allen Park after he was found fishing with no license in possession.

CPO Kaufman and the Seneca Fire Department responded to a report of a stranded boat on the Illinois River. A couple took their 14-foot boat out to go fishing on the Illinois River in fast moving flood waters with just an electric trolling motor. They ended up downstream of the ramp and were unable to go upstream to the ramp. By the time the fire department arrived, another boater had towed them to the ramp. Two written warnings were issued for no sounding device and unsecured battery, and they were given a boating digest.

While patrolling Starved Rock State Park during the annual "Fall Colors" weekend, CPO Kaufman noticed a vehicle in a no parking zone on Illinois Route 71. The man was advised that he was in a restricted area, and a written warning was issued.

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a Putnam County man after he was found to have harvested two deer on public ground without proper licensing. The hunter was also cited for not possessing a habitat stamp which is required when hunting deer in Illinois.

Two waterfowl hunters at Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area were issued warnings by CPO Stanbary for failing to maintain separate bag limits. The two had their day's harvest combined and piled in the front of a boat.

#### WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt and CPOT Leannah assisted the Illinois State Police, Beloit and South Beloit Police departments, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department establish a perimeter around an area near the Machesney Park Route 173 exit. Two armed individuals were fleeing from police. The men had left their vehicle and fled on foot into an adjacent agriculture field across the road from Rock Cut State Park. K-9 officers located the men, and both were apprehended.

CPO Alt and CPOT Leannah responded to a complaint of unlawful hunting white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Alt completed numerous traffic safety patrols in Rock Cut State Park during the Park's main drive road construction project. Thirty patrons were stopped in one four-hour period because they were walking/biking through/around the ROAD CLOSED – NO PEDESTRIAN barricades.

While on patrol in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt stopped 11 motor vehicles driving 10 mph or more over the posted limit on the section of newly paved roads. Additional violations addressed included driver's license not on person, improper parking on roadway, improper passing on crest/hill/curve/grade, and illegal window tinting. In a separate incidence, CPO Alt clocked a motor vehicle traveling 49 mph in the posted 20-mph zone. The driver's license was taken as bond, and the driver was assessed a mandatory court appearance due to the excessive speed. Another vehicle was stopped after being clocked traveling 38 mph in the posted 20-mph zone. The driver was cited for the offense.

While on patrol, CPO Alt received a complaint of individual(s) unlawfully taking/possessing undersized walleye on the east shoreline of the Rock River at Fordham Dam. Upon arrival, CPO Alt inspected all nine shore fishermen who were present; and he located the violator. This angler had two walleyes in a bucket of water beneath three freshwater drum. The angler was not in possession of a measuring device and indicated he was using a stick to measure the fish. Three additional walleyes on an adjacent stringer were obviously undersized. Walleye limits for the Rock River are six walleye per day, per person; but they must be at least 14 inches in total length. All fish were photographed on the CPO's measuring board and released back into the River. The subject was cited for unlawful taking and/or possession of undersized walleye.

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson investigated a complaint of harassment of wildlife. After identifying a suspect, he conducted an interview at the suspect's residence. A confession was received to the allegations involving the harassment of wildlife, including white-tailed deer. The female suspect was cited and taken to jail on an active Fulton County Warrant.

CPO Thompson located illegal commercial fishing gear at Goose Lake in Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. He identified the suspects involved, and the men admitted to unlawfully fishing without permission and unlawful dead setting of gill nets. Citations were issued.

CPO Thompson located and seized an illegal tree stand in Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. The suspect was identified, and the tree stand was returned. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson investigated potential boat registration and titling violations. It was found that the man purchased the boat in Georgia and operated the boat in Illinois for two years without title or registration. Due to the failure to apply for registration and title through the State of Illinois, the man received a citation and two written warnings.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**KNOX COUNTY**

CPOT McCarter assisted park staff during the disabled hunting weekend at Spoon River State Forest. He encountered several hunters that were unaware the area was closed to all activity except permitted disabled hunters. The hunters were educated about the situation and given written warnings for hunting without permission.

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

CPOs Thompson and Elliott received information regarding the unlawful take of a white-tailed deer. The CPOs uncovered two men who had unlawfully taken a doe with a 20-gauge shotgun by the use or aid of a motor vehicle and spotlighting. As a result, the meat was seized; and six citations and 12 written warnings were issued.

CPOs Thompson and Elliott received a report alleging that a Bushnell man took a deer without tagging and wanton waste. The CPOs identified the suspects involved and received confessions to the unlawful take of a white-tailed doe. The man went hunting with a friend and harvested a doe without licenses or permits. Additionally, the deer was located with a substantial amount of viable meat left to waste. The two men were issued citations and warnings for the violations.

#### PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Finn gave a presentation at a trapper education course. Nine students completed the necessary training to obtain a trapping license.

CPOT McCarter gave a presentation at a hunter safety education class at the Grady's Christmas Tree Farm. Approximately 80 young students attended the class. He spoke to the students about the duties of a CPO, various hunting regulations, and safe practices while hunting.

CPOT McCarter attended a Breath Alcohol Operator class at Illinois Central College. The class certified officers in the proper way to operate breath alcohol testing instruments used during DUI and OUI enforcement.

CPO Lazzell cited the owner of a Peoria tree trimming company for cutting/removing all trees from a section of the Rock Island Trail.

#### STARK COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and a written warning to a Chillicothe man for failing to tag a buck. The man transported the untagged buck in the back of his pickup truck, and his uncased crossbow was in the backseat.

#### 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

CPO Kelley responded to a neighborhood for a complaint of a Canada goose that was decapitated. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Kelley investigated a traffic crash at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. The occupant of one vehicle indicated another vehicle forced him off the road. A review of traffic camera footage did not confirm the driver's assertion.

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

MCHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO M. Anderson gave a presentation at the Grundy Area Vocational Center career fair to hundreds of Grundy County eighth grade students regarding the various jobs of a CPO and the importance of the natural resources.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOT Elliot assisted with the investigation of a freak accident at Kankakee River State Park. A park patron was sitting in his car in the concessions parking lot while talking to a park employee who was standing next to his window when a large, live pine tree suddenly fell over and onto the vehicle. The park employee was able to get out of the way, but the patron remained in the vehicle. Despite the tree crushing through the roof and windshield of the car, the patron escaped without serious injury.

CPOT Elliot and CPO Farber conducted waterfowl enforcement on the Kankakee River. The officers checked ten hunters, and no violations were found.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes and Sgt. Wollgast attended a town hall meeting to address the public's concerns regarding suspected hunting within incorporated limits. Representatives of the Will County Sheriff's Department and the Forest Preserve District of Will County Police Department also attended the meeting.

CPO Honiotes responded to a neighbor dispute concerning hunting and fishing rights on a shared private body of water. Both parties were educated on their water usage rights, and no enforcement action was taken.

CPO Honiotes explained the scope of the Wildlife Code and the Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act to a non-hunting landowner to help her understand the scope of granting permission for someone to hunt on her property.

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

COOK COUNTY

Sgt. Mooi conducted recreational boat enforcement during the bridge raising on the Chicago River. Enforcement action was taken on multiple sailboats because of registration violations.

Sgt. Mooi received a tip about a possible poached deer, and he was able to catch the hunter before he unloaded the deer from his trailer. The hunter admitted to taking the yearling doe with a field tipped crossbow bolt. The deer was tagged, but the hunter had not yet reported the harvest. Enforcement action is pending.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement on IDNR property. One fisherman was not able to produce a fishing license, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement at a Cook County Forest Preserve inland trout lake. He located a fisherman without an inland trout stamp who was in possession of a rainbow trout. The fisherman was educated about the need for the inland trout stamp, and a written warning was issued. The fish was released back into the lake. A second trout fisherman was checked, and he did not have his fishing license on his person. A check of the POS system revealed he did have a valid sport fishing license, and a written warning was issued. In a separate incidence, CPOT Kusta checked two individuals who were actively fishing. One fisherman was unable to produce a fishing license, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOTs Kusta and Prasun responded to a complaint of a poached deer at a Cook County Forest Preserve. They canvassed the wooded area for possible offenders and evidence, and the investigation is pending.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement in Chicago. He observed a fisherman wearing a head lamp and carrying a fishing pole and a spear-like device while walking the shoreline looking into the water. The fisherman put the fishing pole down and grab the spear-like device and place it in the water for a few seconds. The fisherman brought the device out of the water and picked up his fishing pole before continuing to walk. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and it was confirmed that he had an Illinois sport fishing license. When asked about the spear-like device, the man said it was used to scare the fish out areas so they could be snagged. The fisherman was advised that he could not use the device to spear fish, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Kusta conducting sport fish enforcement on IDNR lands. Fishing compliance checks of three fisherman revealed that they were unable to produce Illinois sport fishing licenses; however, a check of the POS system revealed that all three had valid licenses. He educated each fisherman and issued written warnings for not having their fishing license in possession. In a separate incidence, CPOT Kusta checked one fisherman who was in possession of a rainbow trout, but he did not have an inland trout stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and the fish was given to a properly licensed fisherman who had not reached his daily limit.

CPOT Kusta is investigating a complaint regarding a fisherman bragging about keeping an over limit of rainbow trout.

CPOT Kusta and CPO Klemme investigated an Endangered and Threatened Species Permit violation. CPOT Kusta served the permit holder with a letter of revocation for obtaining an Endangered and Threatened Species Permit based on the permittee providing false information. One threatened species was seized, and the offender was advised that the information provided must be accurate when applying for a permit. The endangered or threatened species must also be obtained from a legal source. The seized animal was taken to an approved facility.

While on patrol at a Chicago harbor that was closed to snagging, CPOT Kusta observed two fishermen snagging with a snag pole. A check of both fishermen revealed that one did not have a fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Prasun was contacted by a fisherman who believed he may have caught a new state record smallmouth bass from the shoreline of Lake Michigan. He explained the procedure to certify the fish that included having a State of Illinois biologist respond to verify the fish for certification. The smallmouth bass was weighed on a certified scale at a local bait shop, and the fish officially weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was released back into Lake Michigan the following day.

CPOT Prasun gave a presentation to students at a hunter safety education course in Tinley Park. He spoke on miscellaneous subjects such as wildlife laws, common violations, and how to interact with a CPO during a hunter check in the field.

CPOTs Kusta and Prasun responded to Robinson Woods South to assist Cook County Forest Preserve officers. They had a complaint that a deer had been shot with what appeared to be a crossbow and was found in the forest preserve. The incident is currently under investigation.

While conducting fishing compliance checks at a Lake Michigan harbor, CPOTs Kusta and Prasun came across a fisherman who had been fishing without a sport fishing license. He had prior enforcement action taken against him earlier in the year by CPOT Kusta. As a result, the fisherman was cited for no sport fishing license. CPOTs Kusta and Prasun came across two other fishermen. One was fishing without a fishing license, and the other was fishing without a salmon stamp. Enforcement action was taken, and the fishermen were educated on the licensing laws. The officers checked two more fishermen, and one was cited for having three undersized largemouth bass. A written warning was issued for having an over the limit on bass. Enforcement action was taken against the other fisherman, and he was educated on the use of illegal fishing devices.

CPOT Prasun came across a fisherman who was fishing without a fishing license and salmon stamp. Enforcement action was taken, and the fisherman was educated on the licensing laws.

During a boat patrol on an inland river, CPOTs Prasun and Gates encountered an empty beer can floating in the river approximately twenty-five yards downstream from a nearby bike trail. The officers noticed a cyclist sitting down on the trail and investigated further. The officers observed that the cyclist was consuming alcohol from the same type of beer can as was discovered in the middle of the river. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the cyclist had consumed the contents of the beer can, threw it over the bridge and into the river just before officers came across it. The cyclist was subsequently cited for pollution of waterways.

CPOT Doescher and CPOs Reid and Semenik conducted a snagging enforcement detail. Two people were cited for snagging in an area where prohibited.

CPOT Doescher cited a Chicago man for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPOTs Doescher and Gates conducted inland trout enforcement. Several fishermen were warned for possessing trout without an inland trout stamp.

CPOT Doescher issued a warning to a fisherman for fishing with three devices where a two-device limit was present.

## DUPAGE COUNTY

CPOT Kusta conducted waterfowl enforcement on the Des Plaines River, and he checked several hunters. One hunter did not have his HIP certification, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Kusta received a complaint regarding trapping and possible poisoning. The investigation revealed that the trapping was done by a legal trapping agency, and no poison was observed in the area.

CPOT Kusta received a complaint regarding a deer with its head cut off and hind legs removed. He located the deer carcass and found that the deer had been scavenged on and scattered throughout the area. The cause of death was not determined, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPOT Kusta conducted waterfowl enforcement and checked several waterfowl hunters returning from their hunt. The hunters had all their appropriate licenses and stamps. During a boat safety inspection, it was determined that the

operator/owner did not have a sounding device and fire extinguisher on board. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

## **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**

While checking archery hunters at Fall Creek Rest Area, Sgt. Myers arrested two subjects for uncased crossbows and one subject for hunting without licenses or archery permits. The subject was found to be revoked for child support issues.

Sgt. Myers attended a career day event at Central Junior High.

#### **BROWN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **CALHOUN COUNTY**

CPOs Jansen, French, and Goetten observed a commercial fisherman fishing in the Two Rivers Wildlife Refuge. The subject had previously been cited twice for the same violation. He was issued a citation, and his trammel net was seized.

#### **GREENE COUNTY**

CPOT Olroyd issued a citation to an individual for hunting without permission, and he continues to investigate cases of poaching.

#### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

CPO Wheatley traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to attend a law enforcement specific ground fighting school to become certified in teaching other CPOs self-defense principals to stay safe and decrease injuries to themselves.

CPO Jansen received information that a Florida subject illegally harvested a 10-point buck. It was determined that the hunter did not have an either sex permit and had used a family member's resident permit. The deer was seized, and three citations and two written warnings were issued.

#### **JERSEY COUNTY**

CPO Blazinic attended "Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws" training offered by Mobile Training Unit 9.

#### **MACOUPIN COUNTY**

CPOT Olroyd gave a presentation at a hunter safety education course.

CPO Wright, along with another District 9 CPOs, conducted a deer hunting enforcement detail.

#### **PIKE COUNTY**

CPOT Olroyd spoke at a trapper education course at John Wood Community College.

#### **SCHUYLER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer**

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

**CASS COUNTY**

CPO Thornley and CPOT McClenning conducted a traffic stop of a truck that drove up behind their squad and passed it. CPO Thornley was able to get a radar lock of the vehicle of 70 mph in a 55-mph zone. It was determined that the Indiana driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was issued citations for speeding and driving while license suspended. The driver was given a mandatory court date in Cass County.

CPO Thornley observed a vehicle driving slow and then stopping in the roadway near sunset in Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. He conducted a traffic stop, and the driver stated he was looking for deer. CPO Thornley noticed the man was covering a can in his lap with his hand, and it was alcohol. No weapons were found in the vehicle. A citation was issued for illegal transportation of alcohol.

While on patrol of Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area during the youth firearm deer season, CPOTs McClenning and Wahlbrink found two adult archery deer hunters. CPOT Wahlbrink issued two citations to the adult hunters for hunting in areas designated only for youth hunters. A written warning was also issued to one of the hunters who was not wearing the proper amount of blaze orange/pink. In a separate incidence, an individual was issued a citation for littering when he failed to pick up two beverage containers and two cigarette butts that he had left on the ground after hunting at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. He was also issued a written warning for failing to obtain a windshield card.

A group of individuals drove nearly a mile off the road to put up tree stands at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPOT Wahlbrink issued the driver a citation for operating a vehicle off the roadway.

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

CPO Wright attended a hunter safety education course at the Pana Sportsmen's Club, and he spoke to the Taylorville Optimus Club about the duties of a CPO.

CPO Wright and CPOT Roesch conducted deer hunting enforcement, and several slow rolling vehicles were observed, but no violations were found.

CPO Wright and CPOT Roesch checked approximately 25 boats on Sangchris Lake on opening day of waterfowl season. No boating or waterfowl violations were found. The officers did get to meet a nine-year-old girl from Auburn who got her first duck, and they gave her a CPO Challenge coin for her achievement.

CPO Wright checked fishermen on Sangchris Lake and observed two men fishing on the rocks in front of the dam. One was found to have no fishing license due to revocation for child support issues, and the other fisherman was in possession of a short crappie. Both men were issued citations.

**LOGAN COUNTY**

CPO Thornley and CPOT Roesch received a report of a hunting accident in rural Logan County. It was determined that a man and young grandson were out deer hunting in a double ladder tree stand. As the man attempted to exit the stand, he lost his footing on the wet stand and fell approximately 14 feet to the ground. The grandson called his parents, who then called 911. The quick actions of the grandson assisted emergency personnel in getting to the scene quickly to render aid.

CPOTs Wahlbrink and McClenning taught a hunter safety education class with approximately 30 students in attendance.

During the youth firearm deer season, Sgt. Gilmer and CPOTs Wahlbrink and McClenning encountered an adult male who was supervising a youth hunter. The man was allowing the youth hunter to hunt over a large pile of corn that was placed in front of the blind. The adult was issued two citations, and the corn was removed from the area.

#### MASON COUNTY

CPOT Wahlbrink investigated an ongoing complaint of livestock (hogs) running at large and damaging property. Multiple affected landowners stated that the issue had been going on for several years. The owner of the livestock was issued a citation and given a mandatory date to appear in court.

#### MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley spotted two men fishing on the Sangamon River, and he conducted a boat safety inspection of the vessel. No boating violations were found. He then requested fishing licenses from both men. One of the men had a valid fishing license. The second fisherman stated he was not fishing. CPO Thornley advised the man that he had been watching them for several minutes. The man stated he just cast and reeled the line in a few times. The man was issued a citation for no resident sport fishing license.

#### MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Wichern responded to a trespassing complaint, and he discovered a father-son hunting team had crossed onto adjacent property while attempting to harvest a hen turkey. The two turkey hunters did not obtain permission from the landowner before entering the property, and they failed to immediately tag the turkey upon taking it into their possession. The two hunters were charged with hunting turkey on property without permission, and warnings were issued for failing to immediately tag the turkey and not keeping the permit in possession while hunting.

#### SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

#### CLARK COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt issued two citations for cutting timber without permission.

CPOT Hyatt transported an injured owl from Marshall to the University of Illinois Vet Medical Clinic.

CPO Wellum scouted several areas of reported baiting sites in preparation for the upcoming firearm deer season.

CPO Wellum received a report of illegal ginseng activity at Lincoln Trail State Park. He identified the suspect vehicle but was unable to locate the violators.

CPO Wellum assisted a hunter who had used the wrong tag on a deer. He forwarded the information to Springfield for correction.

#### COLES COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt received a report of a deer in Charleston that appeared to be sick. The deer was located, and he dispatched the deer.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel attended a Mental Health Awareness and Intervention Class offered by Mobile Training Unit 13.

CPO Mieure completed background investigations, attended defense tactics training, and participated in rifle/pistol qualifications.

CPO Greuel taught two nights of firearm training at the Charleston Police Department range.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt received a report of a camper that had been abandoned at Walnut Point State Park. He was unable to contact the owner of the camper. The camper was moved off the campsite by park staff, and it was eventually picked up by the owner.

#### EDGAR COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt removed a sick raccoon from Crestwood School property in Paris.

#### MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Edgar County man for trespass to harvest ginseng. The man had dug a large amount of root from the property. The ginseng was seized and returned to the landowner.

CPO Barnes scouted areas for baited deer stands.

#### SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes handled an accident report at the Eagle Creek State Park boat ramp. While the Chicago man was launching his boat, his vehicle slid into Lake Shelbyville because of the slick algae growth. Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel assisted by blocking off the ramp as the Shelby County Dive team and a local tow service recovered the vehicle. This was the second vehicle in the area to slide down a boat ramp and go submerged on the same day. The first occurrence happened at the Wolf Creek State Park boat ramp and was handled by Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

CPO Moody cited a Shelbyville man on US Army Corps of Engineers property at Lake Shelbyville for hunting deer over bait.

CPO Mieure issued a Tuscola man two written warnings for trespassing to harvest ginseng and criminal trespass to property. He also issued an Effingham man one written warning for criminal trespass to property.

CPO Barnes scouted areas for baited deer stands.

### **District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

#### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson attended a hunter safety education class. He answered questions from the audience and spoke about the hunting laws in Illinois.

CPOT Miller issued a male driver a citation for speeding – 90 mph in a 70-mph zone.

#### DEWITT COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt participated in firearms training.

CPO Ausmus continues to work on background investigations.

CPOs Viverito and Ausmus cited a Bement man for possession of cannabis, and a warning was issued for remaining in a closed area.

CPOs Viverito and Ausmus checked deer hunters at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. The CPOs encountered three hunters coming in by boat after dark. A hunter compliance check and boat safety inspection were conducted. The group had no violations relating to their hunting license and deer tags but were issued several written warnings for watercraft violations.

CPO Ausmus checked public land deer hunters around Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. He issued a Mansfield man a written warning for failure to have deer permits in possession. A Dewitt man was issued a written warning for failure to immediately tag upon kill.

CPOT G. Anderson checked several fishermen at Clinton Lake. One written warning was issued for a fishing license violation.

CPOT G. Anderson participated in region firearms training.

CPOTs G. Anderson and Kiprono checked a possible baited site on state property, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Greuel taught firearms training at the Dewitt County Sheriff Office range.

CPO Viverito, Sgt. Jostes of Clinton Police Department, and Macon County Deputy Mannix hosted a K-9 training event, and approximately 20 K-9 units from across the state participated. The training was held at Clinton Auto Auction and Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. The focus of the training included vehicle narcotics, building narcotics, and an article/evidence search in a woodland environment.

#### FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson scouted areas for firearm deer season.

#### LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson scouted areas for firearm deer season.

#### MACON COUNTY

Sgts. McReynolds and Williamson, along with CPOs Barnes and Moody, attended a Cannabis Enforcement 2020 class offered by Mobile Training Unit 10 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

#### MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### VERMILION COUNTY

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

While conducting deer hunting enforcement, CPO Sanford located an individual wearing no blaze orange/pink when required. The individual was also found to be deer hunting with no valid hunting license or habitat stamp. A citation was issued for the license violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations.

CPO Sanford investigated a complaint of unlawful firearm deer hunting on state lands. He located an individual who had failed to report the harvest of a buck from the week prior, and a citation was issued for the violation. The subject was advised that he must report the harvest immediately.

While patrolling a county park, CPO Sanford came across an individual who was a registered sexual predator. The individual was advised that they could not be present within a public park, and a citation was issued for the violation. The individual was escorted out of the park.

While patrolling Kickapoo State Park, CPOT Miller issued a fisherman a written warning for fishing without permission.

### **South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker**

#### **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

While conducting deer hunting enforcement, CPO Macias and CPOT Swindle and came across a father/son hunting on public land. A compliance check was performed after the two hunters came out of the field. It was discovered that the adult hunter did not have his hunting license with him, but a check of the POS system revealed he did have a valid license. The man stated that he must have left it in another set of clothing, and he was very apologetic about the situation. A written warning was issued, and the officers made sure he understood that a hunter must have all valid documents on his person when out hunting.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPOT Skelton investigated a South Carolina hunter participating in the PKC World Coon Hunt. CPO Buhnerkempe received information that the subject's hunting privileges were revoked and would be competing in the event in Clinton County. The officers arrived at the location with a Clinton County Deputy and apprehended the hunter when he came out of the woods. A search of his person resulted in the discovery of cocaine, pills, and ammunition. The subject is a convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms and firearm ammunition. The subject was booked into the Clinton County Jail on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges.

#### MADISON COUNTY

CPO Sievers received a complaint from a person who lived next to a slough in Granite City. The complainant stated that there were men in a boat shocking fish and keeping them. CPO Sievers arrived on scene as the fishermen were about to leave. They provided a scientific permit that allowed them to collect fish from the water so the fish could be tested for pollutants from a local factory. No violations were identified.

#### MONROE COUNTY

CPO Sievers conducted waterfowl enforcement. While checking the Kidd Lake Marsh West Unit, one pit had four hunters and one non-hunter in the pit. The rules only allow the permit holder and two other partners to be in the pit. The hunters were two adults and two teenagers. The non-hunter was helping the youngest hunter. The permit holder was issued a written warning.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed a fishing without permission complaint from the past summer. The two fishermen were caught on camera and were later identified. The fishermen were issued citations for fishing without a fishing license and issued written warnings for fishing without permission.

CPO Sievers received a complaint that campers at a tent site at Randolph County State Recreational Area had not been seen for three days, and they had left most of their camping gear in the tent camping area. He located the registered camper in Chester, and a citation was issued.

CPO Sievers finished a timber investigation that began in February with a complaint of walnut trees being unlawfully cut without the landowner's permission. The timber was sold to sawmills. The suspect was issued 14 timber citations for unlawfully buying timber without a timber buyer's license, failure to pay timber growers, and failure to maintain records. A second individual who joined the suspect on two of the jobs was also identified. That individual was not a licensed timber buyer, and he had not paid the landowners. The second individual was issued four citations for buying timber without a timber buyer's license and failure to pay the timber growers.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray issued written warning to multiple subjects for fishing without permission on metro east levee district property.

CPOT Gerdes taught a hunter safety education course.

While conducting fishing compliance check, CPOT Gerdes checked numerous people fishing for trout on the opening day of the season; and one citation was issued to a man fishing in a lake designated for youth fishing only.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Haggerty and Folden assisted the Franklin County Sheriff's Department with a perimeter watch and search of an area for an armed subject wanted for theft and the assault of a police officer.

CPO T. Williams encountered a motorist in West Frankfort who had circled their vehicle on Main Street, parked it in a lane of traffic, and stood outside the car door. The motorist appeared to be confused and said they were having an issue with low blood sugar. The CPO requested an ambulance; and with the assistance of a good Samaritan, the subject's vehicle was moved from the roadway. The subject was provided orange juice from a local convenience store while awaiting the arrival of the ambulance. The West Frankfort Fire Department's ambulance arrived, and the motorist's condition was assessed. The ambulance crew assisted with getting the subject home.

While on an evening patrol, CPO T. Williams assisted the Franklin County Sheriff's Department with a trespass and theft incident occurring at a hemp production field. A witness provided the Sheriff's Department with the description and location of a suspect's vehicle that was believed to have dropped off subjects to steal hemp plants. The CPO located the vehicle and detained it for the investigating deputies. The Sheriff's Department arrested the occupants of the vehicle and a subject located on foot who was carrying a bundle of hemp plants.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Knop came across an illegal hoop net filled with dead turtles. The net did not have a commercial gear tag, name, or address attached; and the net was seized. The investigation is ongoing.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan cited a man staying in Dolan Lake Campground for cutting a tree down with a chainsaw.

#### HARDIN COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson responded to a TIPs complaint and conducted seven hunter compliance checks. One violation was documented for hunting without a hunting license.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan cited a man for archery deer hunting over a large pile of corn. The man admitted shooting three deer from the stand location and only recovering one of them. The man also failed to report the harvest of that deer as required.

#### POPE COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson conducted two hunter compliance checks, and no violations were discovered. He also investigated deer carcass dump locations.

CPOT Wilkinson received a report of an illegally taken deer, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPOT Wilkinson responded to a hunting complaint and is investigating the unlawful deer hunting activity.

CPOT Wilkinson conducted three turkey hunting compliance checks, and no violations were documented.

CPOT Wilkinson and CPO Knop responded to a complaint of illegal deer hunting activity. Evidence was discovered and documented, and the investigation is ongoing.

#### SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### 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

CPOT Willand is investigating multiple baited stand sites.

CPO Taylor observed a subject walking down the road with a backpack. When he talked with the subject, the man said that he had been ginseng hunting. CPO Taylor found approximately 38 ginseng roots and digging tools in his backpack. The subject was issued citation for harvesting ginseng without license, and the ginseng was seized.

### EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper received information about an individual who was possibly hunting deer over bait. He found the site and observed a large pile of corn approximately ten yards from a tree stand. The next day CPO Roper observed an individual sitting in the stand next to the corn. After a brief conversation with the hunter, he admitted to placing the corn. Two citations were issued for hunting over bait and making food available to white-tailed deer.

CPO Roper received information of an individual who had ran over a badger earlier in the year and took it to a taxidermist to have the animal tanned. It was discovered that the individual had no valid trapping license at the time the animal was taken and was therefore not allowed to keep the animal. He located the individual and spoke with him about the incident. The individual admitted to taking the badger. One citation was issued for unlawfully taking a badger with no valid trapping license, and the badger was seized as evidence.

### JASPER COUNTY

CPOT Skelton conducted fish enforcement at Newton Lake.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPOT Willand conducted a sport fishing check along the Embarrass River. One fisherman was discovered to have a valid and active Lawrence County Warrant. The male subject was arrested and transported to the Lawrence County Jail.

CPO Taylor is investigating a sexual assault that took place at Red Hills State Park.

### MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### WABASH COUNTY

CPOT Skelton conducted sport fish enforcement along the Wabash River. He checked several sport fishermen and commercial fishermen, and no violations were found.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

CPOT Skelton issued two individuals written warnings for archery deer hunting without wearing the required blaze orange/pink during youth firearm season.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

CPOT Spinka conducted deer hunting enforcement, and he checked multiple subjects. No violations were found.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

CPO Somers conducted surveillance of baited tree stands.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MASSAC COUNTY**

CPO Teas and CPOTs Spinka and Wolf patrolled the annual encampment at Ft. Massac State Park.

CPO Tapley arrested a subject for DUI at Fort Massac State Park. The subject later gave a breath sample that registered .228% BAC.

CPOT Wolf is investigating an individual making four-wheeler trails in the Shawnee National Forest.

**PERRY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

CPOT Spinka conducted deer hunting enforcement and checked multiple subjects.

CPOT Wolf assisted the Illinois State Police with locating four people who fled from a traffic stop.

CPOTs Wolf and Spinka investigated a trespassing and hunting without permission complaint, and one individual was issued a citation.

**UNION COUNTY**

CPO Teas assisted the Union County Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service in locating a missing hiker.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Teas responded to a complaint of hunters entering SIU property. He located the hunters and learned that they had incorrectly read the map and thought they were hunting on Crab Orchard Refuge property. Warnings were issued, and the confused hunters were directed to legal hunting areas.