ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Office of Law Enforcement Bi-Monthly Report

Weeks of: March 1 – March 15, 2021

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



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"To serve, protect, and educate the citizens of, and visitors to, the state of Illinois in their outdoor recreational endeavors."

"To be a vigilant guardian of the natural resources, public safety, and homeland security of Illinois." "To assist the public in their times of need; routine and emergency."

"To educate the inadvertent violator of conservation law, by taking an appropriate level of enforcement action to achieve this goal."
"To relentlessly pursue, with full statewide police authority, deliberate offenders and bring them before the courts for the administration of justice."

"To maintain the highest level of professional standards, integrity, and conduct."

"This we pledge to the Citizens of Illinois."

The Office of Law Enforcement supports the Department's programs designed to protect Illinois' natural and recreational resources through enforcement of those portions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes enacted for that purpose. Conservation Police Officers are vested with full state-wide police authority and are trained to the highest standards for law enforcement professionals in Illinois.

In addition to these enforcement responsibilities, Conservation Police Officers serve as an important link between the Department and its various constituencies (civic groups, sportsmen's groups, sport shows, etc.). These officers are called upon to assist outside agencies in emergency situations or rescue operations. They participate in the instruction of conservation related statutes to outside agencies, law enforcement organizations, or educational institutions upon request.

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Northeast Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Northeast Zone – Acting Captain Eric Schreiber

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(Counties: Kane, Lake, McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

LAKE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Winters and Kelley responded to a call of an injured American White Pelican at Black Crown Marsh. The pelican's wing was severely injured, but it managed to elude the CPOs, as it could still swim. Eventually, the pelican was captured and transferred to a local rehabilitation specialist. Unfortunately, despite prompt veterinary care, the pelican did not survive.

Northeast Zone / District 3 - Sgt. David Wollgast

(CPO M. Anderson, CPO Bergland, CPO Elliot, CPO Farber, CPO Honiotes, CPO Prasun, CPO Thompson)

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

While passing through Grundy County, CPO Honiotes was flagged down by a good samaritan, who had located and caught an unaccompanied domestic dog running at large on the Morris Wetlands property. Based on the information acquired from the complainant and with the assistance of neighboring landowners, CPO Honiotes was able to identify the owner and have the dog returned to his home.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber observed a dark cloud of black smoke coming from an intersection in Pembroke Township. CPO Farber responded to the scene and located a vehicle that had just been set on fire. CPO Farber secured the scene and determined that the vehicle was unoccupied. ISP dispatch was notified and Tri County Stolen responded to the scene. Stolen auto advised that the vehicle was recently stolen out of Kankakee, IL.

CPO Farber responded to the scene of an suspected suicide in South Eastern Kankakee County. A vehicle was found abandoned alongside a roadway and a subject was found hanging from a bridge.

CPO Farber spoke at the Kankakee County Fire Chief's monthly meeting which was held at the Bourbonnais Fire Department. CPO Farber discussed CPO job duties and equipment capabilities.

CPO Elliot was contacted by the City of Kankakee about what appeared to be an oil spill near the Kankakee dam. The oil has been contained at this time and the investigation is on going.

KENDALL COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes was contacted by a local police officer, who had responded to a report of "illegal trapping" on state owned land in Will County. The complainant removed the trap from the location and turned it over to the local officer. An interview was performed with the complainant, at which time no trapping violations were identified. The complainant was extensively educated on the situation and issued a written warning for "unlawful disturbing a trap without authorization". The legally licensed and permitted trapper was identified, contacted and returned his property. The trapper was very appreciative of efforts put forth by both collaborating police agencies.

While performing boat and fish compliance checks at Braidwood Lake in Will County, CPO Honiotes located an high dollar baitcaster fishing rod left behind by a fisherman and was able to return it to its rightful owner.

CPO Prasun met with a Will County resident who had just found a deer he shot during the 2019-2020 deer hunting season. CPO Prasun issued the resident a salvage tag so he could have the antlers mounted.

Northeast Zone / District 4, Sgt. Josh Mooi

(CPO Farrell, CPO Gates, CPO Gilliam, CPO Hopper, CPO Kater, CPO Kusta, CPO Longley, CPO Vik, CPO Waigand)

(Counties: Cook, DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Gilliam observed a man feeding deer in Cathrine Cavalier Woods. The man explained that he didn't know it was illegal to feed deer. CPO Gilliam educated the man on CWD and other diseases that plague the deer population of northern Illinois.

CPO Waigand and CPO Kater received information concerning trapping in Des Plains. CPO Waigand and CPO Kater investigated the individual's residence and found the traps were set legally.

CPO Waigand assisted Arlington Heights Police with a two-car crash on Wilke Road. There were no injuries, and the driver that caused the accident was suspended and did not have insurance. The Arlington Heights Police Department filed charges with the suspended driver.

CPO Waigand and CPO Kater conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was crossing the center line several times and proceeded to speed 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour posted zone. The driver of the vehicle had a suspended license. The driver was issued a citation and two written warnings.

CPO Waigand and CPO Kater received information of a possible suicide in Catherine Chevalier Woods. CPO Waigand and CPO Kater assisted other CPO'S as well as Forest Preserve officers to attempt to locate the individual in the woods. The individual was not found, and Forest Preserve officers are the investigative unit on this case.

While driving on I-90 near Hwy 53 CPO Waigand observed a white pickup truck in the far-right lane on its roof. CPO Waigand and the fire department did not locate anyone in the vehicle. The investigation was turned over to Illinois State Police.

CPO Kater and CPO Waigand conducted a traffic stop on a suspended motorist. He was issued 1 citation, and 2 warnings.

CPO Vik performed a motorist assist on I-355 and Lakeshore drive. The vehicle on I-355 caught on fire and burned up. .

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates investigated a complaint regarding a Schaumburg man who had been shooting arrows at geese on his front lawn. CPO Gates received a report from Schaumburg Police department and Animal Control about a dead goose they found with an arrow through its body. The next day, Schaumburg received a complaint about the man wearing a red bathrobe and shooting at the geese from his front stoop. Schaumburg PD was able to collect 2 arrows that the man had fired in the direction of the street. CPO Gates made contact with the man and after a brief discussion, the man admitted to firing the arrows at the Geese, but only to scare them away. The man said he shoots over their heads. I explained to the man the hunting laws in the state of Illinois and how Canada Geese are a protected species, both state and federal. The man received 2 citations for unlawful Take of a Migratory game birds out of season, and 1 citation for Hunting without a hunting license. He was issues 4 written warnings that included not having a state migratory stamp, not having a federal waterfowl stamp, hunting across a roadway, and failure to retrieve (wanton waste). The man was given a mandatory court date in Cook County.

CPO Gates investigated a complaint regarding a Woodridge resident feeding wildlife. The homeowner said when she sees the geese in her yard, she hand feeds them bread, but doesn't leave any food out for the animals. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gates assisted a motorist on I290. The driver had his car pulled off onto the shoulder with a flat tire. The man did not have a working jack so CPO Gates utilized the car jack in his squad to assist the driver in changing his flat tire. The spare tire was placed on the vehicle and the driver was able to go about his day.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement at a DuPage County River. CPO Kusta observed a white van parked with 2 fishermen actively fishing. CPO Kusta drove past the white van and observed an uncased recurved bow sitting on the dashboard of the vehicle. CPO Kusta asked the fishermen for their sportfishing license, one fisherman was able to immediately produce his license, but the other could not. CPO Kusta asked the fisherman if the van was his, which he confirmed it was. CPO Kusta inquired about the bow on the dashboard and the fisherman advised that he bought the bow for his wife when she became enthralled with the movie "The Hunger Games". The bow has been sitting uncased on the dash since he purchased it and thought it looked cool there while driving around. CPO Kusta advised the fisherman the bow needed to be cased when being transported and that he needed his fishing license in his possession. CPO Kusta educated the fisherman and documented the violations



Northwest Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

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Northwest Zone / District 1 - Sgt. Laura Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited a Savanna man for unlawfully making food available for deer. He was issued a written warning for trapping raccoons without a license.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri gave a presentation to Blackhawk East, Animal Science students. The focus was CWD and the duties of a CPO. This give students an opportunity to interact with a CPO in a non-enforcement situation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPO Doescher followed up on a complaint from Second Firearm Season. A Rolling Meadows man was issued citations for unlawfully making food available for deer and illegal possession of deer. He was issued written warnings for failure to check harvest by 10PM and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Beltran responded to an injured Eagle and transported it to HooHaven

MERCER COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

OGLE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Priest wrote 2 DUIs.

CPO Priest checked fisherman at the Steel Damn and found a hidden stringer full of fish. One walleye was protected by the slot limit. A citation was issued the the walleye was returned to the water.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Swanson assisted CPO Beltran in recovering an injured bald eagle along US 20 outside of Freeport. CPO Swanson transported the eagle to Hoo Haven where it is being treated for a compound wing injury.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Northwest Zone / District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(CPO Alvarez-Gerbino, CPO Binsbacher, CPO Engledow, CPO Filipiak, CPO Kaufman, CPO Kiprono, CPO Leannah, CPO Murry, CPO Pankey, CPO Roesch, CPO Stanbary, CPO Swanson, CPO Wagner)

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Swanson and CPO Leannah attended an event at Spencer Park in Belvidere with a local Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Boone County Conservation District. Old Christmas trees were placed on the frozen pond to provide habitat to the aquatic life when the ice melts.

BUREAU COUNTY

While on Patrol in Bureau County, CPO Stanbary came across a suspicious vehicle parked in a Hennepin Canal parking lot. The CPO approached the vehicle and could detect a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from inside. The CPO knocked on the foggy windows to discovered 2 minors inside. A subsequent search turned up a small baggy of cannabis and an item of drug papaphernalia. Since both were under 21, the contraband was seized and citations were issued to both with a pending court date in Bureau County Court.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Engledow received complaint of a pet store in Dekalb selling Northern Leopard Frogs not listed on the companies native species permit. CPO Engledow is working with the Herptologist on this case and the investigation with the company is still ongoing.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman was conducting boat and fishing compliance checks on the Illinois River when he came across a boat whose registration had expired in June 2019. When CPO Kaufman asked the owner why he had not registered the boat for almost 2 years the owner did not have an answer. The owner was issued a citation for the registration and a written warning for a fire extinguisher violation.

CPO Kaufman found a boat with 2 fishermen in possession of a 13.5 inch sauger; the legal possession limit is 14 inches. When asked about the fish the men admitted they didn't measure the fish before putting it in their live well. They eyeballed it, thinking it was a legal fish. A citation was issued.

CPO's and IDNR Fire responded to an injured dog at Starved Rock State Park. The dog and it's owner were walking on an icy trail when the dog started to slip off the trail. The owner tried to pull the dog back on the trail, but she began to slip off the trail as well. The owner let go of the leash and the dog fell into Lonetree Canyon. CPO Pankey and IDNR Fire responded to the scene. The dog seemed to have an injured it's back right leg. CPO Kaufman and Kiprono launched a boat on the Illinois River. They took the injured dog and owner to the boat ramp where the owner's daughter was waiting for them. The owner took the dog to a local animal hospital.

While checking recreational boats on the Illinois river CPO Wagner cited individual for life jacket violation.

During fishing compliance checks at Starved Rock CPO Wagner found five unattended fishing poles. None of the poles were marked and no fisherman were near the poles. After finding the fisherman it was discovered one of the two fisherman had no fishing license. A citation for failure to tag unattended sport fish devices was issued and a warning for the fishing license violation.

CPO Kiprono conducted a boat safety inspection at the Starved Rock State Park boat launch which was packed with boats and walleye fishermen. During the boat safety inspection, it was discovered the boat operator did not have a sounding device or a type IV throwable device which are both required safety items for that vessel. Warnings were issued to the man. After the inspection was complete, the operator attempted to start his boat numerous times, the engine failed to turn over. After several additional cranks, the engine went up in flames. CPO Kiprono advised the boat operator his engine was on fire. She told the boat operator to get his fire extinguisher, which he was able to find with ease due to the recent boat safety inspection. The fire was extinguished with no injuries

Two operators of ATV's were cited by CPO Stanbary for operating their ATV's on a public roadway after they were observed driving on the shoulder of IL Rt #351. Neither men had a valid licenses and couldn't provide proof of insurance. The men were both issued citations and two warnings apiece.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Leannah was conducting a traffic stop on route 70 and Eddie rd when he was passed by a driver who made no attempt to slow down or move over. CPO stopped the vehicle and a Scotts Law citation was issued.

CPO Roesch conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle parked illegally at Rock Cut State Park after the park was closed. CPO Roesch approached the driver and noticed the driver had sustained a gun shot wound to the head and was unresponsive. The doors to the vehicle were locked and CPO Roesch broke the window to check for a pulse. The driver was cold to the touch and had no pulse. Illinois State Police, Loves Park Police, and Loves Park Fire and Rescue responded to the scene. The coroner's office was notified. The handgun was recovered and the vehicle was secured in a lot. At this time no foul play is suspected.

CPO Roesch checked 5 boats along the Rock River. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for improper number of personal flotation devices. CPO Roesch issued 2 written warnings for no fire extinguisher and no sounding device.

CPO Roesch patrolled Rock Cut State Park after hours enforcing the park's closure. CPO Roesch conducted traffic stops and issued a citation and a warning for entering a closed state park.

Northwest Zone / District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(CPO Elliot, CPO Finn, CPO Gerard, CPO Lazzell, CPO Thompson)

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted boat patrol at Banner Marsh SFWA for boat safety inspections and fishing compliance checks. While on patrol, CPO Thompson spoke with a young boy who had located a "big buck in the lake". CPO Thompson retrieved the buck and tagged the antlers for the young man to hang on his wall.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a trespassing complaint in rural Knox County. Upon locating the suspects, CPO Thompson conducted an interview and the two men confessed to trespass and hunting without permission of the landonwer. Two citations were issued for hunting without permission and two written warnings were issued for trespass.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott taught a Hunter Safety Course at Macomb 4-H Center in McDonough County. Several young hunters and their parents were present and participated well.

CPO Elliott responded to a fire located southwest of Blandinsville, IL. It was determined the fire was started in the morning and higher winds spread the fire to a nearby stack of feed bales. Blandinsville Fire and Rescue, Laharpe Fire and Rescue, Good Hope Fire and Rescue, and Colchester Fire and Rescue all responded and assisted on this incident.

CPO Elliott patrolled Argyle Lake State Park. During the patrol CPO Elliott located and removed 3 illegal treestands left after the deer season. A reminder to all hunters on this state site, there is an Administrative Rule stating all stands must be removed by January 31st of the present year.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited a Peoria County resident for criminal trespass. The subject has a mandatory court appearance scheduled.

CPO Lazzell investigated two Peoria County Hunters for reported deer hunting violations occurring during the 2020 archery deer season. The investigation disclosed one of the hunters had unlawfully loaned / transferred his deer permit to another hunter to report the harvest of a whitetail deer. Citations were issued for the loan / transfer of deer permit and use of another's deer permit.

STARK COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn Region 1 District 7 was checking fisherman near Pekin when he observed a man fishing in a private lake known for trespassers. CPO Finn question the fisherman and determined him to be fishing without permission, fishinging without a valid license and trespassing. The fisherman received a citation for fishing without permission and a warning for no license. He was informed he was not allowed to be on that property in the future.

WARREN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WOODFORD COUNTY



Central Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

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Central Zone / District 9, Sgt. Eric Myers

(CPO Blakeley, CPO Blazinic, CPO Goetten, CPO Gushleff, CPO Jansen, CPO Olroyd & CPO Wheatley)

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic nominated & awarded The Carnegie Medal to (2) two cousins that were responsible for saving the lives of (5) five individuals during a boat accident on the Mississippi River on August 3, 2019.

BROWN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Jansen observed a fisherman snagging in closed waters. The subject was issued a citation.

CPO Michael Goetten is continuing an investigation into an outfitter. Several violations have been discovered including falsification of residency, unlawful take of several deer, failure to report harvests and failure to ensure clients are in compliance. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten stopped timber trucks for inspection. Enforcement action was taken for failure to provide proper documentation on the timber harvest.

A subject CPO Goetten arrested for possession of a controlled substance (ecstasy) pled guilty. His total fines and costs were \$3414.

GREENE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley, in cooperation with US Fish and Wildlife Agents in Louisiana, were able to reclaim a 18 and 17 point Boone and Crockett class deer harvested illegally in Niota by a Louisiana resident in October of 2020. CPO Wheatley has been working on the case since the end of October and utilized multiple resources to identify, find, and interview the subject. Hundreds of man hours were spent chasing tips and trying to locate information to pinpoint a subject. The subject gave a full confession and charges will be filed shortly. Multiple violations have already been identified, and others are still being sought up to and possibly including felony charges. Just another example of good eyewitnesses providing solid information to allow Conservation Police to continue to serve the communities and sportsmen alike.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten previously conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver possessed open alcohol. He verbally warned the driver not to consume alcohol while driving. Recently, CPO Goetten stopped the same vehicle with the same driver after he threw his empty beer can out the window in front of CPO Goetten. More appropriate enforcement action was taken the second time.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff was assigned to give instruction at a hunter safety class in Carlinville, IL in early March. He spoke to the small class about the wildlife regulations, with a strong emphasis on safety in the field. The students were very receptive, and all their questions were answered.

PIKE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Central Zone / District 10, Sgt. William Gilmer

(CPO Gerdes, CPO McClenning, CPO Snodgrass, CPO Thornley, CPO Wahlbrink, CPO Wright)

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

CASS COUNTY

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Gerdes and CPO Wright conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle which had malfunctioning brake lights. During the stop it was discovered a passenger from Donnelson in the vehicle had a warrants in Christian and Madison counties. The subject was arrested on the warrants and the driver was issued a written warning for the brake light issue.

LOGAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MASON COUNTY

CPO's Thornley, McClenning, Snodgrass, and Sgt. Gilmer returned to the areas where nets were checked for compliance earlier in the week. It was determined the net were not being checked within the required timelines. The CPO's seized the commercial hoop nets due to violation of failure to check them within 72 hours are required.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley talked to individuals at New Salem Historic Site. CPO Thornley determined the driver and the passenger had open alcohol in the vehicle. Citations were issued to both the driver and the passenger for unlawful transportation of alcohol.

MORGAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass recieved information of a subject that had posted advertisements for sale in Sangchris Lake State Park. It was found the subject had posted flyers adervertising bait and tackle forsale throughout the park at approximately 10 different locations. The flyers were removed and subject was located at his near by shop. The subject was informed it was illegal to place advertisements on state property and issued a written warning for the violation.

SCOTT COUNTY

An individual that CPO Wahlbrink cited for the unlawful take of a whitetail deer without a permit was assessed a fine and fees totaling \$720.

Central Zone / District 11, Sgt. Dan Greuel

(CPO Barnes, CPO Hyatt, CPO Mieure, CPO Miller, & CPO Moody)

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

CLARK COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

COLES COUNTY

While patrolling Paul C. Burris state habitat area CPO Mieure arrested a Cumberland county man wanted on two warrants, one out of Coles county and the other out of Cumberland county.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure completed a poaching investigation in Cumberland county and the following charges were filed with the states attorney's office.

- 1) 520 ILCS 5/2.38 Class A Misdemeanor (Falsification, using permits issued to another person) 2 counts
- 2) 520 ILCS 5/3.1 (No hunting license/state habitat stamp) 6 counts
- 3) 520 ILCS 2.33r (Hunting from a roadway) 1 count
- 4) 520 ILCS 5/2.33i Class A Misdemeanor Minimum \$500 fine (Hunt by use or aid of a conveyance) 1 count
- 5) 520 ILCS 5/2.33y (Hunt between ½ hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset) 2 counts
- 6) 520 ILCS 5/2.33n (Transporting uncased bow in a vehicle) 1 count
- 7) 520 ILCS 5/2.33t (Hunting without permission of landowner) 1 count
- 8) 520 ILS 5/2.24 (Unlawful take of whitetail deer) 6 counts
- 9) 520 ILCS 5/2.36a (Felony resource theft greater than or equal to \$300) 1 count for a total of \$10,500 of civil penalties for deer unlawfully taken.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EDGAR COUNTY

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody arrested a Pana man on multiple warrants out of Coles and Moultrie Counties while checking fishermen at Woods Lake.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Shelby county subject for fishing without a license.

CPO Barnes completed a hunter safety course at the Windsor Gun Club.

Central Zone / District 19, ACTING Sgt. Matt Graden

(CPO Ausmus, CPO Graden, CPO Reeves, CPO Sanford, CPO Viverito, CPO Z. Williams, & CPO Workman)

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Sanford conducted multiple salvage tag investigations on private lands in Champaign County.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Z. Williams checked boats and fishermen at Clinton Lake Marina. Multiple boat safety inspections were conducted and violations were addressed. A written warning was issued for no fishing license.

FORD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MACON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MCLEAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Reeves walked department lands in Piatt County to locate tree stands left behind by hunters when prohibited. CPO Reeves located a tripod tree stand left after season. The stand was seized and an evidence seizure tag was left behind for the owner of the stand to contact CPO Reeves

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Sanford conducted multiple salvage tag investigations on both public and private lands in Vermilion Co.

CPO Sanford investigated an ongoing trespass complaint in Vermilion Co. The investigation is still ongoing.

CPO Sanford investigated the misuse of the roadkill salvage self-reporting system by persons in Vermilion Co. One individual was educated as to the difference between a roadkill and a salvage harvest and issued a written warning for the violation. The investigation is still ongoing.



Southern Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Southern Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

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Southern Zone / District 13, ACTING Sgt. Ralph Sievers

(CPO Charles, CPO French, CPO Gerdes, CPO Lentz, CPO Leibl, CPO Macias, CPO Ray, CPO Schachner, CPO Sievers, CPO Wichern)

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

BOND COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias checked five non-resident goose hunters who were with a well known local outfitter. All the hunters showed the CPO non-resident hunting licenses, but no state waterfowl stamps. They all stated that they tried but could not purchase the stamps anywhere within the state vendor locations they usually used. Written warnings were issue to all hunters.

CPO Liebl conduct a boat patrol on Carlyle checking fishermen and recreational boaters. Several minor boating violations were addressed including failure to have serviceable fire extinguishers and failure to have batteries properly covered and secured.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray arrest a subject for unlawful dumping of trash on state property

CPO Liebl assisted with a timber investigation in Madison County. A DNR forester was met at property to measure the trees that were illegal cut to help determine the value of the trees taken. The foresters findings will be included in the report against the timber cutter for reimbursement of the illegal cut trees.

MONROE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Wright along with CPO Matt Lentz have been investigating a trapping complaint at the Nokomis Quarry. CPO Wright was eventually able to make contact with the Montgomery County resident who was doing the trapping. Before making contact CPO Wright observed the trapper place exposed bait (dead rabbit) next to the trap. When he eventually made contact it was found that he had no trapping license and none of his traps were tagged. The trapper was also in possession of a .22 rifle with a revoked FOID card. CPO Wright asked for consent to search the vehicle and consent was given. During the search, a meth pipe with residue was found. The man was taken to Montgomery County jail and booked for the possession of a controlled substance. He was issued 3 citations and 1 written warning for the other offenses.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers is investigating a wrongful tree cutting.

CPO Ralph Sievers resonded to a tip that people were fishing without permission near Sparta. CPO Sievers observed a truck driving on the railroad's service road that match the vehicle description. The vehicle was stopped and two men were in the truck. Three buckets of fish were in the bed of the truck and a loaded uncased rifle was laying in the backseat. The subjects were issued written warning for trespassing on the railroad right of way and citations for over limit of bass, fishing while fishing privileges were revoked, and unlawful transporting an uncased/loaded rifle under the wildlife code because the driver stated that he had been driving with the rifle in the backseat since squirrel season.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Wichern reviewed the IL Wildlife Laws with a group of (15) youth hunters who attended a Hunter's Safety Class at the O'Fallon Sportsmen's Club, where all (15) students successfully completed their test and received their Hunter's Safety Certificate.

CPO Ray arrested a subject for unlawful operation of dirt bike on state property.

CPO Ray arrested two subjects for fishing by boat in a restricted area.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Southern Zone / District 14, Sgt. Marc Folden

(CPO Haggerty, CPO Jourdan, CPO Knop, CPO Lewis, CPO Tapley, CPO K. Williams & CPO T. Williams)

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Williams appeared in Franklin County Court in reference to a subject hunting in a restricted area at Rend Lake. The subject agreed to a plea and is set for a May date to finalize the process.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

HAMILTON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Tapley investigated a report of an unlawful timber cutting in Hardin County. The suspect was charged with not having a timber buyer's license and unlawfully cutting timber without the landowner's consent.

CPO Wolf assisted the Hardin County and Pope County Sheriff's offices with securing the scene of an officer involved shooting.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan participated in a search of public lands for a missing Mount Vernon man. The man was involved in an argument with his ex-wife and departed a local hospital in his truck. The man did not return home or answer his cell phone for a week afterwards. A search of public lands was conducted after receiving information he frequented these sites. Sonar was used to search bodies of water and volunteers walked and searched lands with ATV's. After days of searching, the man returned home safe and reported he checked into a hospital in Effingham for treatment.

PERRY COUNTY

CPOs Lewis and K. Williams were at the Pyramid State Recreation Area office when a UTV with two occupants passed by on the park road. The CPOs stopped the UTV and observed they had open alcohol containers. The operator was cited for driving the UTV on the roadway and both subjects were cited for illegal transportation of open alcohol.

CPO K. Williams and CPO Lewis arrested a man for Criminal Damage to Government Supported property. The man intentionally drove his vehicle off the roadway and started "mudding" in the field, causing deep ruts and destroying a large area of land. Perry County Highway Department assessed the damage at \$1141.16. The driver received 24 months of Court Supervision, paid \$1328.84 in fines and \$1141.16 in restitution.

CPO K. Williams received a complaint of a person trapping a red fox out of season. It was determined a farmer set a trap out due to his chickens and other livestock being attacked. CPO K. Williams explained the requirements for trapping and season dates. The farmer was issued multiple warnings and issued a Nuisance Wildlife Permit to help him with his livestock.

SALINE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WHITE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Southern Zone / District 15, Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe

(CPO Hyatt, CPO Roper, CPO Roundcount, CPO Skelton, CPO Smith, CPO Swindle, CPO Taylor & CPO Willand)

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

CLAY COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Willand received a citizen complaint involving juveniles. CPO Willand along with CPO D. Taylor conducted an investigation in which two cellular telephones were seized as evidence. The investigation is ongoing and the charges are being referred to the States Attorney's Office.

CPO Willand continues to work a deer investigation along with the assistance of Jasper Co. Sheriff's office and the Crawford Co. States Attorney's Office.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Roundcount taught hunting regulations at a Hunter's Safety Course in Effingham.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper conducted an investigation regarding an unlawfully harvested deer in 2019. CPO Roper spoke with the individual who harvested the deer and learned th individual and no valid hunting license, habita stamp, or deer permit at the time the deer was harvested. CPO Roper issued the individual one citation for for unlawfully harvesting a deer with no valid deer permit, and issued the subject two written warnings for other violations.

CPO Roper received a complaint of unlawful logging activities occurring in Fayette and Macoupin Counties by a logging operation based in Fayette County. Through investigation and speaking with several logyards in Fayette County CPO Roper was able to determine the complaint to be valid, and investigation is ongoing at this time.

JASPER COUNTY

While working Newton Lake CPO Taylor issued 6 warnings for various boating violations and issued a citation to a boater for operating a 120 Hp motor on a 25 Hp max lake.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MARION COUNTY

In response to a trespassing and damage to private property complaint, CPO Swindle began patrolling via ATV. CPO Swindle and CPO Roper were able to intercept two males on ATV's. Both males were cited for operation of an ATV on private property w/o permission. CPO Swindle continued patrol of the same private property. Two ATV's carrying multiple passengers were discovered. Both operators were stopped and cited for operation of an ATV on private property without permission.

CPO Swindle and Scott Ballard conducted an interview at a residence in response to a complaint of a possible unlawful possession of an alligator. A permissive search was conducted of the residence. Only four legal turtles were discovered.

CPO Hyatt along with the assistance of CPO's Roper and Swindle conducted interviews on a subject out of Marion County who had been fraudently using his wife's landowner tags for numerous years. Multiple deer were seized and charges are pending at this time.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Hyatt went and talked to the Richland County High School Bass fishing team about boater safety. All students were taught about how to be safer on the water and what to expect if they were checked by a Conservation Officer in the future.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton performed a traffic stop on an individual suspected of driving while under the influence. The driver was discovered to have an arrest warrant for failure to appear in court. After speaking with the Wabash County Sherriff's Department, the driver was issued a new court date and released. The driver was also issued a written warning for improper lane usage.

WAYNE COUNTY

Southern Zone / District 16, Sgt. Kristin Taylor

(CPO G. Anderson, CPO Johnson, CPO Somers, CPO Spinka, CPO Teas, CPO Vasicek, CPO Wilkinson, CPO Wolf)

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka investigated a complaint about subjects destroying state property at Cape Bend State Park. The subject was located an cited for the damage.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill.

CPO Somers and the Missouri Department of Conservation, through a joint investigation, charged a Missouri man for the unlawful take of 3 bucks and 3 doe. An additional 25 wildlife offenses were discovered as a result of the investigation. The offenses occurred in Illinois and Missouri during the 2019 and 2020 deer seasons.

CPO G. Anderson observed a group of ATVs travelling at a high rate of speed at the intersection of Route 3 and Route 151. The group of ATVs disobeyed a traffic control device and pulled out in front of CPO Anderson. A traffic stop was conducted and only 2 ATVs pulled over. 2 citations were issued as the occupants revealed a third member of the group. CPO Anderson contacted the 3rd ATV rider at his residence and issued an additional citation.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MASSAC COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson went to court regarding a subpoena for a past arrest. The subject plead guilty to five years in prison for felon in possession of firearm.

PULASKI COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

UNION COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual for firearm deer hunting in the 2020 firearm season without a valid permit.

A subject CPO Vasicek arrested for spotlighting from a motor vehicle with a loaded crossbow in possession plead guilty to multiple charges. Subject was fined \$400.00, forfeited the crossbow to the IDNR, and has a wildlife privileges revocation pending.

CPO Vasicek charged a subject for damage to state supported property. The subject was discovered intentionally damaging grass areas (doing "donuts") within Trail of Tears State Forest with a pickup truck.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Teas also worked on a TIPs complaint regarding a poached deer. The investigation concluded, the deer in possession of the subject was a road kill deer. The deer was claimed, but failed to be reported. Enforcement action was taken.